

1 put to the people at any time by a majority of the
2 General Assembly, so truly if the situation should arise
3 that great public issues are left unattended by the
4 General Assembly, a bare majority of that Assembly can
5 put it to a constitutional convention and the matter can
6 be rectified.

7 In short, whatever justification there once
8 was for the constitutional initiative has since passed into
9 history and is a memory with George Norris.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other Delegate desire
11 to speak in favor of the amendment?

12 Delegate Byrnes.

13 DELEGATE BYRNES: I would point out to Delegate
14 Scanlan and members of the Committee that we are living
15 testimony and witness to the fact that, despite the fact
16 we are now reapportioned, we do not leave the initiative for
17 constitutional amendment with the Legislature.

18 This very convention suggests at times the people must act.

19 I think the essence of Dr. Winslow's proposition
20 is that the people should retain the basic control over
21 their basic law. We reject the initiative of legislation,