

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot.

2 DELEGATE CHABOT: Mr. Chairman, it is
3 apparent that the whole objective of this amendment is
4 to say there are times when we are going to have an
5 irresponsible legislature, have to find some way of
6 short circuiting the legislature in the amendment
7 process.

8 I suggest that this amendment then will not
9 accomplish the purpose at all because it gives to the
10 legislature the functions of making the vital definitions
11 and the process that would be used under this amendment.
12 The legislature apparently will be permitted to determine
13 over what period of time the signatures are to be
14 gathered. If you have an irresponsible legislature that
15 is not going to respond to the will of the people,
16 obviously they can make this time so short it cannot
17 possibly be used. If, on the other hand, you have a
18 legislature that is irresponsible in a way that seeks to
19 pass the buck to the people and remove its responsibilities,
20 then they can permit a year or any such extended period
21 of time for the gathering of signatures.