

1 the General Assembly may call a Constitutional Convention
2 without reference to the people. I wonder if you would
3 elaborate a little on the committee's rationale behind
4 that provision since it is not in our present law and has
5 inherent in it a good many dangers.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins, I couldn't
7 hear what you said. It is certainly something about our
8 present law.

9 DELEGATE ADKINS: I think it is unlike our
10 present that the the General Assembly can call a
11 Constitutional Convention without referring it to the
12 people for ratification. I find this troublesome. I
13 would simply like reassurance as to their reasons for
14 the situation.

15 DELEGATE BOYER: We found there is a recent
16 case decided by the Court of Appeals, Board of Election
17 Supervisors v. Attorney General of Maryland decided
18 1967, which states authority to call a convention is
19 inherent in the state legislature. This spells out
20 the present case law on the subject.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins, the Chair