

1 we have done but, I think, realistic. The adoption and
2 the amendment and the revision of the Constitution is
3 the most basic exercise of the sovereign power of the
4 people for we should not put the ability of the people
5 to exercise that power out of their reach. I feel that
6 Committee Recommendation GP-8 is unduly restrictive in
7 several respects. We offer these amendments to free up
8 that procedure.

9 Remember that none of the procedures by
10 which a constitutional convention can be called requires
11 an overhauling of the Constitution. But they do permit
12 an outstanding deliberative body such as this one to
13 review the basic structure to determine if any changes
14 may be desirable.

15 I think this only gives recognition to the
16 job which we have done and I am asking you to pat your-
17 selves on the back a little by providing amendments for
18 calling together such a convention as this in the
19 reasonable near future.

20 I suggest that the most effective way to
21 study the entire structure of state and local government