

1 Maryland is now one of the few states that has such a
2 long period of time but I would like to at least return it
3 to the twenty-year provision as recommended by the
4 Constitutional Convention Commission.

5 It may be desirable to impose an outside date
6 at which a Constitutional Convention must convene
7 if none of the provisions provided for the calling of one
8 prior to that are utilized. Such a date would necessarily
9 be arbitrary but I submit fifty years is reasonable under
10 the circumstances.

11 I also suggest that it is advisable to convene
12 a convention two years after call by whatever means in
13 order to give a commission an adequate chance to do its
14 work. Our commission did a marvelous job. I don't
15 think anybody would disagree with that. But it was
16 short on time, having two years in which to do it.

17 I will direct more detailed comments to each
18 amendment as it is voted on.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of
20 the sponsor of the amendments? The Chair hears none.
21 If you will return to your chair, we will take up