

1 Delegate Grumbacher.

2 DELEGATE GRUMBACHER: Mr. Chairman, members
3 of the committee, I have been against initiative in every
4 form up until this particular point. The initiative in
5 all other cases is on a specific and single issue which
6 can in times of trouble cause us grave difficulties.

7 Since in this particular case the initiative
8 would put on the ballot the calling of a convention and
9 that convention, through the filter of that convention
10 would pass the problems of the state, I think we would
11 be perfectly safe to have the initiative.

12 A major reason for having the initiative in
13 here is to avoid the kind of thing we went through for
14 the past hundred years and particularly, I believe, the
15 past fifty, where we have been blocked and blocked very
16 much from having a constitutional convention because of
17 gross malapportionment. We think we may have cured that
18 problem in our present constitution but some things don't
19 stay cured the way you want them to. I think we must
20 have a different form in addition to the way laid out in
21 GP-8, a different way for us to call a convention.