

1 has not been your way throughout this convention. I ask
2 you now to depart somewhat radically in Amendment 5.

3 In case all other methods of calling a
4 constitutional convention fail, I suggest that we mandate
5 in the constitution that a specified period of time be
6 indicated at which a constitutional convention shall meet.
7 Although I know any such period will necessarily be
8 arbitrary, I think fifty years under all the circumstances
9 is reasonable.

10 It is obvious that we are going to experience
11 a very rapid growth in the complexity of our society and
12 the concomitant increasing involvement and changing
13 pattern of relationship of government to this society and
14 it is ever more obvious that there need be a revision of
15 our basic structure of government to keep pace with that
16 increasingly complex society which will grow by geometric
17 proportions, surely disproportionately with the past.

18 Therefore, our constitution probably will not
19 and should not last anything near a hundred years. As I
20 said, it is and should be a living document reflecting
21 current feelings and attitudes. It will not necessarily