

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyer.

2 DELEGATE BOYER: Yes, there are three words
3 that we, as a General Provisions Committee, were rather
4 proud of our authorship on it, and the three words are
5 "including common law", and we thought that would cover
6 everything we had in GP-9. Are there any other questions
7 of the Committee?

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot.

9 DELEGATE CHABOT: Delegate Boyer, I would like
10 to ask you about those three words as they fit in with the
11 words "is lawfully changed". One of the general uses
12 of the common law is that it can be changed. The courts
13 can evolve it. Do those two phrases mean that we do not
14 intend to freeze perpetually the common law as it now is,
15 but we intend to permit it to continue to be changed
16 also as it has been changed?

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyer.

18 DELEGATE BOYER: Yes, this is absolutely true
19 and I am awfully glad you brought that up. It is not our
20 intention to remain frozen in our common law. It should
21 remain flexible, and we should keep it that way.