

1 made during earlier debate that if we don't put constitutional  
2 provisions in that what we are trying to do, or what we  
3 will allow the General Assembly to do is to pass the least  
4 acceptable kind of Congressional redistricting, so this  
5 would be an attempt to hold them up to a higher level of  
6 performance than might be expected of them if there were no  
7 state constitutional standards.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gilchrist.

9 DELEGATE GILCHRIST: But it still remains a  
10 strong possibility that the standards which are set  
11 forth in this section may be totally inconsistent with  
12 standards which are adopted by Congress.

13 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: You are quite right, and I  
14 would say this, however, that since there has been nothing  
15 of significance in the field since 1929, the Congressional  
16 Redistricting Act, 38 years have gone by with Congress  
17 failing to act and there has been a continuous effort  
18 since 1951 on the part of Congressman Celler to do  
19 something, but nothing significant has been done there  
20 and nothing would have been done at all, it seems to me,  
21 without the decision of the Supreme Court in Westbury v.