

1 (There was no response.)

2 THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair hears none.

3 Would you please proceed, then, with the
4 Committee's report on the next subject?

5 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: The next section having
6 to do with continuity of government during emergency is
7 one which has become fashionable in recent constitutions.

8 The purpose of this is to provide for continuity
9 of government in the event of an emergency,
10 disaster, or enemy attack, and for continued operation
11 of government.

12 The reason it is necessary to include this
13 section in the constitution is that the Committee contem-
14 plates that in times of disaster it would be necessary
15 to suspend some constitutional operations, some
16 constitutional procedures. I am not talking about
17 the area of personal rights, but I am talking about
18 in the area of office holding.

19 Let us suppose that something happened to
20 Annapolis while the General Assembly was in session
21 and that a large number of the members of the General