

1 the Committee Chairman?

2 (There was no response.)

3 THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair hears no questions.

4 The Chair has one question, Delegate Gallagher,
5 with respect to the second sentence, and the same
6 language is used in the first sentence.

7 What is meant by the phrase "continuity of state
8 and local public offices and governmental operations"
9 insofar as provisions of the constitution are concerned?

10 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: The meaning of the language
11 is that the General Assembly may provide who shall exercise
12 powers with respect to state and local public offices in the
13 event that all applicable provisions which designate
14 who shall succeed to those offices have been exhausted,
15 and yet there be no one to succeed to those offices.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Is it limited to that, or could
17 the General Assembly provide by law that the provisions
18 of the constitution with respect to succession of
19 the governor should be suspended during the period of an
20 emergency.

21 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No, sir, we do not