

1 3 of the Constitution of 1867 which are set forth at great
2 length and almost in hoc verba in the proposed section 3.17ab.

3 I have offended one of the rules of style that
4 we shall not incorporate by reference in the Constitution.
5 However, to every rule there must be some exception, and
6 I say that the case of the B&O tax exemption is so unique,
7 so complicated, and stands so by itself, that it presents a
8 highly unusual situation, and I think we are entitled
9 to deal with it in a highly unusual manner. The manner
10 proposed by the committee is to clutter up the Constitution
11 with ancient verbiage.

12 The manner proposed is to make an exception to
13 the rule of style, and incorporate by reference all the
14 constitutional authority in section 48, article 3, and
15 transfer that, continuing it in effect as part of this
16 constitution.

17 In short, I think I have done in one sentence
18 what the committee proposes to do in nearly 300 words.

19 I urge that you support the amendment. You
20 will have yielded something of substance, and I think you
21 will have gained a little of form, not to mention style.