

1 affect that interest, that credit rating and the interest
2 rate.

3 The provision as shown here claims to give
4 flexibility. It does not. We were told that if the 25
5 years were authorized the legislature would vote for 25
6 years, under pressure to have the bond issue floated and
7 the proceeds used for the benefit of the State. In the
8 last nine years the most dissenting votes on any bond
9 issue in both houses was seven. The majority of bond issues
10 passed in both houses have been unanimous. Why change?
11 Why change what has served us well for 100 years? Why
12 speculate and why spend?

13 As I said before, simply, the object of debt
14 is to get out of it.

15 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sherbow.

16 DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. President, and ladies
17 and gentlemen: I hope you will vote against this
18 amendment. It is not easy to take statements that are
19 probably incorrect, and in a short time correct them, but
20 when they say to you that bonds of longer maturity are
21 bonds that require higher interest rates, this just isn't so.