

1 Committee's recommendation retains for existing municipali-
2 ties, not only their existing charter powers, but also those
3 powers authorized by law. Existing municipal corporations
4 are permitted by these existing laws to amend their
5 charters."

6 The difficulty is that although all law is
7 continued in effect and therefore Article 23A would be
8 continuing in effect as statutory law, it provides only the
9 procedure and not the authority. The authority to the
10 amendment of the charter is contained in Article 11E, Section
11 3 of the old Constitution.

12 Now, municipal corporations are essentially a
13 creature of the General Assembly in that the General
14 Assembly has plenary power to do with them whatever they
15 want to do. Of course they have to do it by public general
16 law, but they are within the complete purview of the
17 General Assembly. Therefore, we do not want to put what was
18 formerly 11E necessarily in the constitutional status. We
19 have to continue to give it legislative status.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: You have one minute.

21 DELEGATE GRANT: If at some future time the