

1 may be a gap. There may be a gap until the next regular
2 legislative session, in which no legislation fills this
3 gap.

4 I think, therefore, it is necessary.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

6 DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, the language,
7 existing powers as drawn, and interpreting the phrase,
8 existing powers, does that include the power of amendment?

9 THE CHAIRMAN: That is the point I am trying
10 to get to.

11 DELEGATE JAMES: It seems to me that you leave
12 the question open.

13 You carry forward the constitutional provision
14 in the transitional schedule of legislation. By so doing
15 you make it very clear that this existing power is intended
16 to include the power to amend. At least you clarify any
17 difficulty.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson, if I may just in
19 one more sentence try to summarize the result of the colloquy
20 between you and the Chair: If I follow you, you justify
21 this section on the ground (1) that the only clear, existing