

1 DELEGATE CARSON: That is my exact fear,
2 Delegate Chabot.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case.

4 DELEGATE CASE: Mr. Chairman, so there can be
5 no doubt about this point, and to answer Delegate
6 Hardwicke's statement that section 23(a) does grant the
7 power to amend, I would like to state categorically that it
8 does not and that it states only the procedure for amending.

9 Section 11 of that article, article 23 (a), says:
10 "Every municipal corporation in this State shall proceed
11 as in this subheading provided in exercising and applying
12 the powers for the amendment of municipal charters, which
13 are granted thereto by Article 11(e) of the Constitution."

14 So it is very clear in my judgment that muni-
15 cipal corporation powers to amend stems not from Article
16 23(a), which I grant is preserved, but from Article 11(e),
17 which is not preserved.

18 Now, Delegate Hardwicke has said that there is
19 no reason for the emergency, and I would like to speak to
20 that.

21 There are many charters in this State, and they