

1 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Mr. President and ladies
2 and gentlemen, all of the reasons that have been advanced
3 for keeping this plank in this Constitution it seems to me
4 are highly fallacious. First of all it is said that lotteries
5 are evil. All right, maybe they are. Then why not collect
6 all of the things that we think are evil and put a plank in
7 the Constitution about them and forbid them. Why pick out
8 this particular item?

9 How much time did we have in our committees to
10 demonstrate whether it was evil or not? How much do we know
11 and how much has been provided for us individually to show
12 us?

13 Secondly, the Legislature would be under pressure.
14 All right, let us pick out all of the things that would put
15 the Legislature under pressure and forbid those in the
16 Constitution.

17 I submit that we have not attempted in any area
18 to pick out the evils. We have not tried to protect the
19 Legislature from pressure. This is an exceptional thing
20 that is asked of us here, and there is no reason advanced for
21 the exception.