

1 the closer one got to Christmas and New Year, the less
2 likelihood that the organization session, which is men-
3 tioned earlier, could be taken advantage of, and so con-
4 sequently, we decided upon the second Wednesday of Decem-
5 ber following the election.

6 Turning now to legislative sessions, I should
7 say that this probably was the area where we had the great-
8 est stalemate in the Committee. It is important, I think,
9 to be precise about the meaning of terminology. There was
10 considerable argument for what is popularly termed
11 continuous sessions of the General Assembly, rather than
12 following the draft of the seventy-day session with a
13 thirty-day extension under stipulated circumstances, or
14 the present practice here in the General Assembly. There
15 was a large body of committee members who felt that
16 it is rather impossible in 1967 to look forward even five,
17 ten, fifteen or twenty years and to say with any degree of
18 certainty how many days a year the General Assembly would
19 have to be in session in order to be an effective legisla-
20 ture.

21 If one recognizes that within a short period