

1 session the following year. The 30 day session presumably
2 was to take care of budget matters, emergency legislation,
3 and matters pertaining to the general welfare. This
4 presented such great problems, however, that the General
5 Assembly ultimately moved to regular 70 day annual sessions.

6 **Twenty-one States** of the States of the Union
7 meet annually, and there is a great movement in the
8 direction of annual meetings.

9 I might also say that 43 States of the Union
10 begin their regular sessions in January, as has been sug-
11 gested in 3.12.

12 Now, it may be quite true that the reason for
13 commencement of sessions in January had something to do
14 with the harvesting of crops and the availability of the
15 farmers when the State was primarily a rural State, rather
16 than moving in the direction of an urban State; but never-
17 theless, the January time is ideal from many points of
18 view. The fiscal year is built around this particular
19 meeting time, and consequently the Committee felt that
20 we should continue to provide for the regular meeting
21 the third Wednesday of January, although you may see