

1 Delegate Needle?

2 DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak
3 in favor of the unicameral legislature. The arguments which
4 have been presented have been well documented in Minority
5 Report No. 1, well-stated by all those who expressed their
6 views here today. I won't express them again ad nauseum.
7 However, since we have the unique opportunity in this body to
8 take a giant stride into the future, one of the great
9 opportunities for us to make a real advancement, I suggest
10 to you that the General Assembly has recognized the virtues
11 and desirabilities of a unicameral form of deliberative
12 body.

13 I suggest that they now have the tricameral system
14 by virtue of the conference committee, that all-powerful com-
15 mittee to which too many bills are referred. It is a
16 single deliberative body.

17 This is also true with regard to the Legislative
18 Council. I submit that if the General Assembly were so
19 convinced of the virtues of the bicameral system, they would
20 have created a bicameral Constitutional Convention. I
21 shudder to think that this Constitutional Convention