

1 THE CHAIRMAN: State the privilege.

2 DELEGATE WHITE: Advise the Convention we have
3 with us in the gallery to the rear of the podium two dis-
4 tinguished Maryland citizens, Milton Holmes, first vice
5 president of the Baltimore branch of the National Alliance
6 of Postal and Federal Employees, who is also Director
7 of our Target City Youth Program in Baltimore, and one of
8 his assistants, Mr. Pullen.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Delighted to have them with us.
10 (Applause.)

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kirkland.

12 DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Delegate Moser, this ques-
13 tion pertains to charter amendments. The power of charter
14 amendment is considered basic power of any home rule
15 government. According to the committee's commentary,
16 this power is considered implied as being an existing
17 power of municipalities. Most municipal charters, how-
18 ever, do not cover the power of charter amendments. This
19 right is guaranteed in the present Constitution under a
20 1954 home rule amendment.

21 My question, Mr. Moser, or Delegate Moser is,