

1 of the Committee that the courts have power to compel the
2 passage of law. This is a new concept so far as I am
3 concerned. That was one of my reasons for voting against
4 the provision on natural resources.

5 I submit to you, Mr. Chairman, that this is not
6 a necessary provision in the Constitution, and I do not
7 wish to take away from the people who need protection
8 one bit of protection, but this will not protect them.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

10 DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
11 gentlemen of the committee, it gives me a great deal of
12 pleasure at this time to speak on behalf of this proposal.
13 Originally when I first saw this proposal introduced
14 I had an impression this was purely statutory. I was
15 laboring under the impression at that time that we were
16 thinking in terms of what might be in modern jargon
17 called a mini-constitution, but since that time my
18 views have changed drastically. Thus far I have seen no
19 objection to this proposal on the merits. I have not
20 heard one person yet say they are against this concept.
21 So now we are trying to decide whether or not it is