

1 have always been constitutionally protected. I would  
2 point out also that there is consumer protection in our  
3 present constitution. The 1867 Constitution provides  
4 for the regulation of banks, for eminent domain, for the  
5 regulation of corporations, for the establishment of a legal  
6 right of interest, and declares that monopolies are odious.

7 Now that we are at the point of building a viable  
8 state government, we need to be able to meet the challenges  
9 and the needs of our citizens today.

10 I cannot think of any one single item that we  
11 could put in the new Constitution that would affect more  
12 citizens in the state, and I cannot think of any reason why  
13 we should exclude something which would make this consti-  
14 tution so attractive to them and at the same time make it  
15 clear to the General Assembly what we as a body, a  
16 constitutional body sitting here propose for them to  
17 consider in an ensuing year.

18 I support this resolution.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other delegate desire to speak in  
20 opposition?

21 Delegate Carson?