

1 However, the amendment before us does not include
2 that language, because as a matter of procedure of this
3 Convention, we may not now vote upon the issue of whether
4 the attorney general is elected or appointed.

5 It seems to me we are in a type of "Alice in
6 Wonderland" situation where we are going to debate whether
7 the attorney general should be elected or appointed, and
8 then are going to vote not on that issue, but on whether it
9 is a constitutional office or not.

10 I think they are very separate issues. I per-
11 sonally do believe that the attorney general is a constitu-
12 tional office, that it should be included in the Constitu-
13 tion. But once I know what are the duties of the attorney
14 general, what is to be his relationship to the executive,
15 to the legislative and to the judicial branches, then I would
16 be prepared to consider whether he should be an elected or
17 appointed official.

18 I would request the Chair, before this debate
19 is concluded and the vote is taken on this issue, to advise
20 the Committee whether or not, despite the results of this
21 Committee and this vote, if it is decided that the attorney