

1 into the ball game in the federal system, I think what
2 we are doing if we provide a continued division in the
3 executive branch is to achieve a check in the executive
4 branch without proper balance in our State government.
5 I urge defeat of the amendment.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Willis.

7 DELEGATE WILLIS: Mr. Chairman, and Members
8 of the Committee of the Whole:

9 I would like to add my voice to the voices
10 of those who urge that we retain the attorney general as
11 an elective constitutional office. In a case like this where
12 major change is being considered, it seems to me that there
13 are only two main issues: Is the present system of selec-
14 tion unsatisfactory; and is the same problem being handled
15 elsewhere?

16 We heard much evidence this morning that the
17 present system is working satisfactorily, and we have had
18 no evidence that there is a better method of selection
19 elsewhere. I believe the figures given to us are that 40
20 States have this as a constitutional officer and two others
21 have it by statute as an elective office.