

1 Since a constitution is designed not only
2 to serve the present but to anticipate the future, it
3 is vital that provisions to facilitate regional government
4 be included for that time -- no matter how distant --
5 when local governments desire to unite in some or
6 several cooperative ventures.

7 Before concluding this testimony, I wish to
8 note that this message has been intentionally limited
9 to those major points and particular passages I most
10 enthusiastically endorse or most seriously question.
11 In all cases, I feel that there is room for further
12 discussion and continued call for compromise based upon
13 consistent logic and practical considerations.
14 Flexibility for future generations compels flexibility
15 in present attitudes.

16 The challenges of your charge are as inspiring
17 as they are formidable . The State is blessed and
18 commended by the experience and talent of its delegates
19 to this Convention. In the weeks ahead you will find
20 the intellectual demands exhausting, the efforts almost
21 superhuman, the decisions often agonizing. Yet you
shall meet these demands and make those decisions