

1 a quorum in the committee, what the membership of the
2 committee was, what is a quorum, whether the failure to have
3 a majority of a quorum or a majority of all the membership
4 voting in favor -- in other words, the committee procedure
5 will become a matter of constitutional importance, and I
6 submit to you that this is really an area which should be
7 controlled by rules of the General Assembly, and that
8 it should not be a matter which can be attacked in the court
9 because some rule of procedure within a committee which
10 could be reflected in the journal is not complied with.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions of the sponsor of
12 the amendment?

13 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

15 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Senator James, is it not
16 true that when a bill receives an unfavorable committee
17 vote that the bill generally is never reported to the
18 full floor of either chamber, so that in effect, therefore,
19 a great deal of action is taken in committee, namely the
20 killing of legislation, both important and unimportant, so
21 that in effect what is accomplished in committee is equally