

1 the Committee accepts that proposition.

2 Thirdly, assuming what cannot really be assumed,
3 that the provision could be judicially enforceable, the
4 legislature could very easily comply with it. It could
5 adopt an innocuous Code of Ethics for itself and an empty
6 limited conflict of interest legislation for other elected
7 officials and then take the position it had carried out its
8 Constitutional duty.

9 Fourth, like so many of the suggestions that have
10 come before this Convention the proposal demeans the legis-
11 lative power. We don't write into the Constitution the
12 suggestion or admonition or an exhortation that the Governor
13 execute the laws of this State wisely and fairly, or that
14 the courts interpret them justly and equitably, why then
15 must we urge and prod the legislature to perform a particular
16 act in a field however compelling that field may be.

17 I think in the long run we have to trust the
18 General Assembly to carry out its duties, so long as the
19 General Assembly is the repository of the legislative
20 power, they should be permitted to exercise that power and
21 when they don't, then we turn them out at the next election.