

1 may pass a Special Law and I think this flies directly
2 in the face of the provision of the local government article
3 that tried to restrict the legislature to enacting only
4 statewide laws.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Fox, do you mean by that
6 last comment that a Special Law cannot be statewide?

7 DELEGATE FOX: Of course there is no definition
8 of what a Special Law is. Minnesota and some other states
9 use Special Law to mean a local law. Some states talk
10 about a private law and a local law, and a special law is
11 a general classification that includes them both.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher's statement
13 of yesterday in the course of his presentation I thought
14 was based upon the decision of the Maryland Court of Appeals
15 and indicated that a Special Law was neither a general nor
16 a local law, but as its name implied, a local law, as for
17 instance a law for the relief of an individual citizen.
18 Delegate Fox.

19 DELEGATE FOX: That in some jurisdictions is
20 referred to as a private law.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: That is true, that would be a