

1 DELEGATE GRANT: The answer would be, yes.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Very brief.

3 Any delegate desire to speak in opposition?

4 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, and ladies
5 and gentlemen, the Committee on the Legislative Branch was
6 not unsympathetic to Delegate Grant's proposal when we had
7 it before us. However, after giving it considerable time
8 and as a result of his kindness in attending our committee
9 meeting and discussing it with us, we did consider it
10 unfavorably. I think there are two reasons. One is that we
11 doubted the wisdom of having this as a Constitutional
12 provision. The General Assembly could itself and has already
13 embarked upon the program to effect the particular result
14 which Delegate Grant would have.

15 The second consideration was that we were worried
16 about the time lag for those laws which needed immediate
17 implementation. Although the provision does say that there
18 will be an exception unless otherwise provided by law, it
19 may be that there would be no appropriate exception having
20 earlier been provided and one would find that what had to
21 be done in a hurry could not be because of a significant