

1 DELEGATE WILLONER: I wanted to speak in favor.

2 (Laughter)

3 THE CHAIRMAN: You may have the floor.

4 DELEGATE WILLONER: I think it is an excellent
5 idea. I think it is interesting when I asked a question
6 of Delegate Gallagher why they used July first. He said,
7 well, that was the beginning of a fiscal year and that was
8 as good a day as any. But with the extention of the legis-
9 lature, it is going to be even longer before the laws are
10 published, and it has always been a cardinal principal of
11 the common law that when a person commits a crime that he
12 ought to have some knowledge that it is in fact a crime. I
13 know as a prosecutor we wouldn't find until months later
14 that it was a crime, that there was some new crime.

15 We had a conflict of interest by the way in
16 Prince Georges County that we didn't even know was on the
17 books until about three or four months after it was en-
18 acted when we finally got a copy of it. It was interesting
19 that Mr. Gallagher said that he felt in the committee's
20 wisdom this should not be part of the Constitution, but the
21 wisdom didn't seem as great to me as the wisdom in making