

1 DELEGATE McDONALD: I rise, Mr. Chairman, in
2 opposition to the proposed amendment. I am not sure what
3 the first sentence means. Whether this would be a state-
4 wide compilation of local laws and, if so, it would be a
5 monstrosity, and if it means simply that the General Assembly
6 shall provide a system whereby these localities shall com-
7 pile their local laws, then I submit that it runs counter to
8 the principal of home rule which this Convention has already
9 adopted.

10 But that is not all. The second sentence in
11 effect says that these codes, these local codes if they are
12 to be local, shall be conclusive evidence of the law. That
13 is a very unusual provision. The Maryland Code is not
14 conclusive evidence of the law. It is simply prima facie
15 evidence of the law, and I am opposed to this amendment.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Marion?

17 DELEGATE MARION: I wonder if I might address a
18 brief question about the amendment to Delegate Grant?

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant, do you desire to
20 take the floor?

21 DELEGATE GRANT: I yield.