

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason.

2 DELEGATE GLEASON: Nothing further.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions?

4 Delegate Kiefer.

5 DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, I rise to
6 oppose this amendment, primarily because it is not only
7 unnecessary, but I must call your attention to the
8 fact that a Bill of Rights that we have proposed here is a
9 statement of those inalienable rights that government shall
10 not take away from individuals. Consequently, the implemen-
11 tation of a concept like this takes place automatically
12 and, as the legislature thinks from time to time may be
13 necessary; but we are not stating an affirmative right
14 which the government shall implement by action of the General
15 Assembly.

16 What we are stating is an inalienable right which
17 shall not be taken away by the government or any court.
18 Therefore, this language is not necessary. It is even
19 ridiculous. It is not to be compared with the 14th Amend-
20 ment.

21 All we are doing is restating a basic inalienable