

1 this un-American and undemocratic exception.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other delegates desire to
3 speak to the motion to reconsider? What side do you wish
4 to speak, Delegate Scanlan?

5 DELEGATE SCANLAN: I am against the motion for
6 reconsideration.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: You may speak.

8 DELEGATE SCANLAN: I don't want to belabor the
9 arguments. If the motion for reconsideration passes and
10 the committee proposal as originally suggested is adopted,
11 it will mean that a trial court cannot take into account
12 in fixing bail the possibility of recidivism on the part
13 of the offender.

14 The judges of the District of Columbia are
15 plagued with this problem now under the Federal bail format
16 and it is ridiculous for me to say that a committing judge
17 cannot take into account the possibility that a man charged
18 may commit a crime during the period he is incarcerated.
19 I am sorry we rejected Delegate Grant's amendment. I think
20 he would have preserved the best of both worlds but I say
21 under any circumstances it is utterly ridiculous to deny