

1 (Whereupon, the amendment was seconded.)

2 THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is seconded by Dele-
3 gate White. The Chair recognizes Delegate Lloyd Taylor
4 to speak to the amendment.

5 DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman and Fellow
6 Delegates:

7 This amendment is meant for the individual
8 who has the capacity to reform. It attempts to provide in
9 the Constitution a guideline for the General Assembly to
10 provide restoration of civil rights lost as incident to
11 the conviction of a crime, and, of course, we feel that
12 when a person is convicted of a crime and he serves his
13 time and he is paroled, we feel that the individual who
14 has the capacity to reform has the right to enjoy the same
15 civil rights as any other individual, if he has shown that
16 he can reform after a certain period of time.

17 The principle is not embodied in the Constitu-
18 tion, but it leaves it up to the General Assembly to for-
19 mulate the method by which the parolee or ex-convict can
20 gain his full civil rights.

21 This section number 8 on unusual punishments