

1 I mean by this proposal to give people who have
2 some sort of altercation with the law to have the freedom
3 to reform and permit the General Assembly to set the methods
4 and formulate the ways in which the person could regain
5 his full civil rights.

6 Now, we have in the suffrage section, the elec-
7 tion section, and we will have -- this provision is pro-
8 vided for in a limited fashion in the suffrage and elec-
9 tion section on disqualification. It says the General Assem-
10 bly may provide for the removal of this.

11 Civil rights includes many other rights other
12 than voting. The people coming out of prison, the first
13 thing they want to do is to find a job. Of course, if they
14 can find a job to restore them to society in the right
15 way, they will go out and try to vote and become a citizen.

16 What appears in section 8 appears in the
17 United States Constitution. This is almost obsolete. Some
18 members don't believe in substituting it.

19 I want to read from a text book on state govern-
20 ment:

21 "A felony at common law has been defined as 'any
crime which occasioned a forfeiture of lands and goods,