

1 DELEGATE BOTHE: Delegate Bennett, I don't know
2 if this is true because of a state constitution. I know
3 of innumerable situations in which welfare legislation,
4 if you want to call it that, was discovered to be
5 unconstitutional, and this goes back to the days between
6 Dred Scott and Jones and Laughlin.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bennett.

8 DELEGATE BENNETT: And the yellow dog concept.
9 What I am trying to say is I don't believe, or is it
10 true that the General Assembly does not have a blank check
11 to write legislation dealing with the rights of employees
12 to organize?

13 DELEGATE BOTHE: I understand the point you are
14 making and that is there could possibly be a barrier to
15 legislation being enacted without Constitutional authori-
16 zation.

17 One of the arguments in favor of placing this
18 provision in the Constitution would certainly be that
19 it would place beyond any possible doubt the authority
20 of the General Assembly to pass this kind of legislation.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bennett.