

in the constitution to act, there is always the problem of the legislature perhaps not being free to do as much as it feels it should do and therefore passing a watered-down version.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Does your proposal say that they will not have a watered-down proposal or law?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: The article we would like to see included simply states that they will pass a law to take care of the situation.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not think you understood the question. I think what he was asking was where in your proposal, Committee Recommendation GP-4, is there anything that would say the legislature could not pass what you referred to as a watered-down version? Is that your question, Delegate Della?

DELEGATE DELLA: Yes.

DELEGATE KEY: This is still possible, certainly, but hopefully, with this mandate, they will be bolder and more courageous and do the complete job.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Harry Taylor.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Delegate Key a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor.

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: Delegate Key, does this proposal go to preventing abuses in the credit field, where merchants sell goods and charge on a credit basis much more than the value of the goods that are sold because people cannot pay cash?

DELEGATE KEY: The laws that would result from this article would cover such unfair practices, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: Delegate Key, do you anticipate that the General Assembly would use this as a basis for criminal statutes as well as civil statutes?

DELEGATE KEY: If they usually do so in the present constitutional articles, I would expect them to do whatever is the general procedure, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: Could you then tell me whether the word "harmful" and

the word "unfair" have ever received any court interpretation or are they words just chosen by the Committee?

DELEGATE KEY: I do not know about court interpretation. However, we chose these words specifically after looking them up in the dictionary to mean exactly what we have stated here, that is health, safety, et cetera.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: Would you anticipate that if the court were to interpret these words that they should be guided by your Committee Memorandum GP-4?

DELEGATE KEY: I think so.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Marvin Smith.

DELEGATE M. SMITH: I have a question I would like to propound to the Chairman, who I think is best able to answer this question. I would like to know, Mr. Chairman, just what specific power this would give to the General Assembly that it does not already have under the general police power.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyer?

DELEGATE BOYER: Probably no specific power that it does not already inherently have, Delegate Smith.

It was merely intended to be a broad policy statement that this Convention go on record that there should boldly and courageously be some action on the part of the General Assembly by constitutional mandate. There is no additional grant of power.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? Delegate Borom?

DELEGATE BOROM: Mr. Chairman, I would be interested in knowing whether in the course of your deliberations in the formation of this particular section, did you have any legislators come and testify before your Committee? Was the basis of their presence before your Committee the basis on which you drew their particular section? What qualifying information do you have through them?

DELEGATE BOYER: None, sir. This arose out of several proposals introduced by interested delegates at this Convention and referred to the General Provisions Committee.

In the process of the courtesy and attention that each of these delegate pro-