The Chair recognizes Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen: This amendment is largely in the nature of a housekeeping one, although it does technically create a substantive change.

The language previously in this section and still in this section speaks of legislative or executive investigations, and therefore by its exact terms excludes any possible judicial investigations.

Now, in the constitution we have mentioned two possible judicial investigations which would not be courtroom proceedings, and they would be the commission on judicial disabilities and your nominating commissions.

In addition to that law, there are procedures for admission of attorneys to the bar and there are grievance proceedings against attorneys for misconduct which might fall into this area, and I think it is desirable that the whole waterfront be covered in this particular section.

In addition, the section as it now reads does not clearly in its terms state that all units of government are covered, although by the history of this section it was certainly intended that they be so. So this is in the nature of a clarifying annual encompassing amendment.

I have spoken to Delegate Gallagher who is one of the co-sponsors, an original sponsor, and he is agreeable. I have spoken to Delegate Mudd and Delegate Henderson. They are both agreeable to it, and also both the co-sponsors.

I urge you to vote in favor of it. I do not think there is any serious question concerning this.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sollins.

DELEGATE SOLLINS: I am concerned about the use of the words "governmental unit". Do you intend those words to include governmental branches? We have used the word "unit" in other senses and other meanings in this Constitution, and that is what concerns me.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Carson, I think the expression used in some of the other sections you mentioned was "unit of government", rather than "governmental unit".

Was that what you intended, Delegate Carson?

DELEGATE CARSON: That is what I intended, and it will probably be changed by Style to read "conducted by the State or by any unit of local government", and I might as well make that amendment right here, because I know they are going to make that on me. So it would read "any investigation conducted by the State or by any unit of local government, or any of", and then it should be "their departments or agencies."

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection to modifying the amendment so that lines 8, 9 and 10 would read as follows:

"Any investigations conducted by the State or any unit of local government, or by any of their departments or agencies"?

The Chair hears none.

The amendment will be considered as so modified.

Delegate Sollins.

DELEGATE SOLLINS: Just a question of clarification of Delegate Carson.

THE PRESIDENT: State your question.

DELEGATE SOLLINS: Then I understand by your use of the word "State" you intend to include the three branches of government, the executive, the legislative, and the judicial?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Without qualification. And it is also intended by the use of the second phrase, "any unit of local government," that that would include either the executive or legislative branch of the unit of local government if those branches were separated at that level.

THE PRESIDENT: Any further discussion?

Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Delegate Carson, if you please, would this comprehend an investigation of the Public Welfare Department to determine whether or not there was an employable male in the home?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Carson?

DELEGATE CARSON: In my opinion it would, Delegate Bennett. In my opinion, the previous language also would have done that.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Bennett, do you have any other questions?

DELEGATE BENNETT: Of course, then the issue comes up as to what is right and fair and just treatment, because these