

sary at this time. In view of this, I should like to withdraw my amendment, and at the conclusion of the introduction of the amendment by those three delegates, I should like to offer an amendment at that time.

THE CHAIRMAN: If there is no objection, the amendment is withdrawn. Does Delegate Scanlan wish to present an amendment?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I yield to Delegate Gilchrist, Mr. President.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have been advised that the amendment is not back from the print shop at this point. I will be glad to recognize Delegate Gilchrist.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Mr. Chairman, do I understand the amendment is not back from the print shop?

THE CHAIRMAN: So I have been informed.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: The amendment is offering a substitution of the language in the Commission draft for the Committee recommendations and is consequently a rather long amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The only alternative is to take a moment and wait for the arrival. The Chair recognizes Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: Mr. Chairman, there is another alternative, if I may suggest it, and that is, I have a very brief amendment to the first sentence of section 2, which has been printed, and I could offer it at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Case.

The pages will collect the amendments and distribute them.

DELEGATE CASE: The amendment is marked "B".

THE CHAIRMAN: Have the amendments been distributed?

DELEGATE CASE: I do not know.

READING CLERK: I have a copy.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: No. 4?

THE CHAIRMAN: In the absence of objection, we are going to take Delegate Case's amendment first, and I will ask the Clerk to read Delegate Case's amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 4 to Committee Recommendation No. S&E-1, by Delegate Case.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would this not be Amendment No. 3, if we are going to consider them in order?

I have been advised there is no need to change the numbering. It will be No. 4.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 4 to Committee Recommendation S&E-1 by Delegate Case: On page 1, lines 17 and 18 strike out the words "maintaining the state government, or for aiding or maintaining" and insert in lieu thereof the words "the state government or".

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole: This is a technical amendment, but I believe it is one which is necessary to bring this section into line with the acknowledged intention which was expressed by the Chairman of the Committee on Friday. Previously stated, the Chairman then said that there was no intention to change the existing procedures which, in effect, state and hold that state bond issues which are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the State should not be subject to referendum.

In years gone by this result has been obtained by a series of decisions, which have held that measures which are to affect tax measures are not subject to referendum and since the State general obligation bond issues were supported by a specific tax, namely, the real estate tax, and the Constitution required that it be so, a provision in the referendum section that a general appropriation act would not be subject to referendum carried with it the exemption that a bond bill would not be subject to the referendum.

Now, the Committee on State Finance and Taxation, as the Committee of the Whole will see sometime probably next week, will recommend a change in this procedure, and no longer will it be necessary for a specific tax to support a bond issue. This being true, the words which in the past exempted bond issues from referendums have to be examined again to determine whether or not under the new context the same result will follow. In my judgment, it would not.

The section as proposed says that there "shall be exempt from the referendum an