

1 Committee on Finance Provisions, not to remove the guaran-
2 tee of funds for public education from Section 52. In my
3 opinion, such a recommendation along with those already
4 rumored, discussed in public meetings, recommended by the
5 Subcommittee on Miscellaneous Provisions, or adopted by
6 the entire Commission, could easily frighten all local
7 boards of education, all school administrators, teacher
8 organizations throughout the State, parent-teacher associa-
9 tions, and other civic groups interested in education into
10 a negative attitude toward the revision of the Constitution
11 which could defeat the referendum on September 13 on the
12 call of a Constitutional Convention thereafter.

13 I might simply add, first of all, my thanks for
14 being invited to come before you. If there is any discus-
15 sion that I can add to, I would be happy to stay for that,
16 but finally, just to say here in connection with my final
17 paragraph, that I have been named a member of the Citizens
18 Committee to Promote the Constitutional Convention on
19 Referendum. I do have a concern that this go ahead, but
20 I tried to indicate here that I am rather worried about
21 some of the preliminary recommendations or proposals.