

1 JUDGE ADKINS: Mr. Lane?

2 MR. SAYRE: This is a bit of an esoteric
3 question, but have you felt the leadership abilities of
4 the Governor have been restricted, that's number one?

5 MAYOR McKELDIN: By the law?

6 MR. SAYRE: By the law.

7 MAYOR McKELDIN: I don't think so.

8 MR. SAYRE: Do you think that there would be
9 any feasibility in giving the Governor the authority to
10 initiate by referendum -- well, actually it would be the
11 Governor's right to initiate by referendum something that
12 passed a majority of a House and Senate Committee, but
13 failed passage in one or both Houses; do you think that
14 he should have such authority to call that out to plebiscite
15 so to speak?

16 MAYOR McKELDIN: I wouldn't think so. I think
17 somebody may have the authority to do that other than the
18 Governor, but I don't think I would give it to the Governor.
19 Give it to any citizens who want to get up a petition for
20 a certain amount, and call for one, but I don't think it
21 should be in the hands of the Governor.