

1 constitutional lawyers here, if you have taken a look at
2 the session we are now operating under, I would like to
3 read it to you. It says the general assembly may con-
4 tinue with session as long as in its judgment the public
5 interest may require for a period not longer than 70
6 days in each year. I wish somebody would tell me what
7 that means.

8 SENATOR JAMES: We interpret that as meaning
9 possibly we couldn't count Saturday or Sunday.

10 DELEGATE MANDEL: Does that mean consecutive
11 days or 70 days during any calendar year?

12 SENATOR JAMES: What's the language?

13 SENATOR HUGHES: It doesn't say consecutive.

14 MR. CLAGETT: It doesn't mean --

15 DELEGATE MANDEL: Not longer than 70 days in
16 each year.

17 MR. CLAGETT: It doesn't necessarily mean
18 consecutive.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Most of you are lawyers here.
20 When you talk about the period for which a particular
21 court serves, it will often give the number of days.