

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I don't know. I am sug-
2 gesting only that petition to the Legislature is not the
3 only body that you might want to petition.

4 MR. CASE: I think, though, that the right to
5 petition the Legislature being definitive as it is has
6 real substantive meaning. I recall at least in one in-
7 stance in modern times when the Legislature was
8 petitioned, and that was the controversy over Assateague
9 Island. So that it has meaning above and apart from
10 other wellknown legal rights such as the right to file a
11 petition for writ of mandamus or the right of any attorney
12 to file with the Court of Appeals what he suggests may be
13 an inappropriate rule that has been suggested.

14 As a matter of fact, the Court of Appeals, of
15 course, requests in its rule making power comment from
16 the members of the Bar in this area, so it seems to me
17 that all of these rights are inherent in our form of
18 government, but the clear right to petition the Legis-
19 lature is something which may be diluted by this rather
20 than strengthened.

21 MRS. FREEDLANDER: We have in the existing