

1 petition the Governor, the Legislature, or even the  
2 Comptroller of the Treasury. You have a right to peti-  
3 tion if you have a right of grievance.

4 PROFESSOR ASPER: All of that is embraced by  
5 petition to the Government.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Scanlan?

7 MR. SCANLAN: I act on the sentiments of  
8 Mrs. Freedlander. You will recall the Sacco-Van Zeita  
9 case, I assume, that the Governor of Massachusetts was  
10 besieged with petition for clemency for those men. Now,  
11 absent a provision of this sort, it is not impossible for  
12 a legislature to pass a law saying any petitions addressed  
13 to the Governor shall be by individuals only, and you  
14 can't have collective petitions. They could pass such  
15 a law, but this type of provision in the Constitution,  
16 they can't. Such petitions would have to be entertained  
17 by the Governor, and I assume that is what the Committee  
18 had in mind to broaden the right of petition. On that  
19 ground, I am for it.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussions?

21 MR. BOND: What is the question?