

1 petitioning other branches would be lost. You are not
2 petitioning the Government when you petition the Legis-
3 lature.

4 MRS. BOTHE: I had thought you were. Does the
5 Committee understand it that way?

6 PROFESSOR ASPER: Never did know.

7 MRS. BOTHE: Then you don't feel this wording
8 includes petitioning?

9 PROFESSOR ASPER: Includes everything.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Professor Burdette?

11 DR. BURDETTE: The reason I would like to
12 support Mr. Case's view, you could pass a law this
13 Constitution would mean it would be sent to the Secretary
14 of State or someplace else, and there would be no right
15 for a citizen to address any branch of the Government
16 or department of the Government that they, themselves,
17 thought effective to address.

18 MR. GENTRY: And if the Legislature did that,
19 it could be attacked as being unconstitutional, and the
20 courts would say No, government means any branch.

21 MR. CASE: How do you know what the courts will