

1 it can't be for anything but a public purpose.

2 MR. SYKES: I don't think so. I think the
3 problem is that you have got this problem of the plenary
4 power of the Legislature in the State, even in the absence
5 of any express statement here, or at least the possibility,
6 and I would think also that because of this problem of
7 plenary State powers, the negative form of expression
8 which would imply the recognition of those powers, and
9 the use of the word except, which would definitely limit
10 the Section to the positive results that the Committee
11 wants to achieve would be the best method of drafting,
12 and in order to make progress and bring the thing before
13 the floor, I would move that the first sentence of the
14 draft be amended to read as follows: The State shall
15 incur indebtedness, except for a public purpose and in
16 such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the
17 General Assembly may prescribe.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

19 MR. MILLER: I will second that.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion?

21 MR. MARTINEAU: Mr. Chairman, I would like to