

1 it also said subject to referendum.

2 Now, if the courts should hold that a veterans
3 bonus is a public purpose, it could be authorized under
4 this section without a referendum, which is a departure
5 from the present provision. Has your Committee any views
6 concerning that?

7 MR. CASE: No, sir. We think that, as a
8 Constitutional matter, if the Legislature wants to authorize
9 a bond issue for veterans of Vietnam, they ought to be able
10 to do so without having to go through a referendum.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Then may I state that the position
12 of your Committee is that if a veterans bonus is a public
13 purpose and so held by the court, it could be authorized
14 by the Legislature and it should not be determined in the
15 Constitution whether such a bonus is or is not a public
16 purpose.

17 MR. CASE: That is correct.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any comment as to that
19 matter particularly? Mr. Sykes?

20 MR. SYKES: Mr. Chairman, as a practical matter,
21 there is additional reason why that is very good policy