

1 departs from past practice but did the Committee consider
2 that?

3 MR. RUSSELL: No, we felt that is something
4 people would tell the Legislature.

5 DR. BURDETTE: Also I am afraid under this
6 language the Legislature could say well, the people
7 in prison can vote.

8 MR. RUSSELL: If the Legislature so deemed
9 proper, this is true. It is up to the Legislature to
10 determine all these things and take into consideration
11 all views expressed here. We could have stated simply
12 persons convicted of crimes but serious was just put
13 there to let the Legislature know that the framers of
14 the constitution didn't intend this to be a trivial matter.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: We have to run the risk of
16 litigation in a number of areas. We defined our
17 used terms in the constitution that can't have a precise
18 and mathematically exact meeting. I don't believe
19 that's a problem.

20 JUDGE ADKINS: This may be a matter for the
21 Committee on Style. Throughout this document we used