

1 franchise usually go back in the lap of the Governor.
2 Perhaps Governor Lane could comment on this, I am sure
3 he has had the experience of people who have been
4 convicted of crimes that would presently exclude them
5 from ever voting seeking pardons for the purpose of
6 regaining the franchise.

7 It seems to me once a person has served or
8 paid his debt to society, so to speak, and is a free
9 man in the community, he should be entitled to his
10 franchise or at least not disenfranchised for life
11 because of what he has done. I don't think the consti-
12 tution should permit the Legislature to disenfranchise
13 people because of past conduct during such period as
14 society has let him go free.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: I take it you move the second
16 part of the sentence be rephrased to authorize the
17 General Assembly by law to exclude from voting those
18 persons convicted of serious crimes during the period
19 of their incarceration?

20 MRS. BOTHE: I think anybody in jail even
21 for a petty crime on election day shouldn't be able to