

1 vote but at such time he is released no matter what crime
2 or released from sentence including the period he is
3 on probation or parole.

4 MR. RUSSELL: Is this a matter of constitu-
5 tional dimension?

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Let's get the motion.

7 MR. MELVIN: Second.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.

9 MR. RUSSELL: I think the issue really is
10 whether the question now is of constitutional dimension.
11 Is it necessary to have it in the constitution or can
12 the Legislature enact it and as it changes its mind or
13 public opinion changes, the law can be enacted without
14 affecting the constitution rather than substantive
15 merits.

16 MRS. BOTHE: What I am speaking to is where
17 you say the General Assembly may exclude people who
18 have been convicted from their franchise. If you were
19 silent about that altogether, the General Assembly couldn't
20 preclude anybody from voting because of a conviction.
21 I don't see how you get around it technically. My exact