

1 that it would be wise to utilize the period between  
2 June, the date of election of the delegates, and  
3 September, to get ready for the Convention so that the  
4 Convention wouldn't be obliged to spend perhaps as much  
5 as its first two or three weeks in organizing itself.  
6 Under the provisions of the bill, as I just stated them,  
7 the Governor could assemble the Convention not in formal  
8 session but could assemble the Convention for the  
9 purposes of drawing up Committees, for the purposes of  
10 drafting their rules of procedure, and selecting their  
11 various committees. So when September 12, 1967,  
12 rolled around, the Convention would be able to get off  
13 promptly on its important business, rather than consuming  
14 rather precious time in organizing itself.

15           Going on in the bill, we provide that the  
16 President of the Senate of Maryland, of the State  
17 Senate, shall attend upon the initial meeting of the  
18 Convention at the appointed hour and shall act as  
19 Chairman of the Convention until it shall be organized  
20 by the election of a temporary chairman. Hopefully if  
21 the delegates have met under the Governor's call in the