

1 should continue its organizational existence for two years.  
2 A two-year term for the legislature would permit the initial  
3 organization of the two houses to carry over to the second  
4 session. This would eliminate the need to organize the  
5 second session when it convenes and would permit the second  
6 session to commence its work promptly at the point where the  
7 first session left off.

8 I might add here that this particular recommenda-  
9 tion was tied in to Recommendation 4, which would need to be  
10 written in, the one dealing with staggered terms. If you  
11 turn your page, we have recommended on another occasion  
12 that, One-half of the members of the legislature should be  
13 elected each two years. This would ensure a continuity of  
14 experience that would facilitate careful consideration of  
15 measures. Another major benefit, made vivid by the recent  
16 primary, as was clear when the ballot was so long that in  
17 some districts there was something like 80 names.

18 You would only have then one-half of those  
19 running for the House of Delegates coming up every two years  
20 and --

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Bard, may I interrupt? It