

1 but the language in this Section that we're now considering
2 on the Legislative Department, if you strike out the words,
3 Provided by law, would be that the House of Delegates shall
4 have the sole power of impeachment in all cases, and it
5 would seem to me to be perfectly clear that there would be
6 a power to impeach Judges as well as the other methods of
7 removal provided in the Judiciary Articles.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: That's what I wanted to have clear
9 somewhere, either in the Constitution or in our Report or
10 in the record here, that it is the understanding and belief
11 of the Commission that although this Section of Article III
12 will remain the only specific provision of the Constitution
13 relating to impeachment, and although there is no provision
14 in proposed Article IV with reference to impeachment of
15 Judges, it is not intended to remove the power of the
16 Legislature to impeach Judges. Is there any dissent from
17 that proposition? I take it that this Amendment would not
18 in any way touch on that question or affect it.

19 MR. HOFF: I have a question. Was the answer to
20 my question that all elected officials could be impeached?

21 THE CHAIRMAN: That was the answer, but I would