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MR. SCANLAN: Dick, I don't read the language to do this, but I wanted to get your view. Does the language, as you have suggested it there at the top of Page 19 reading, may include property devoted to agricultural use, you don't intend by that in any way to freeze the result of the Alsop case into the new Constitution? In other words, the Legislature in the future by uniform rules could decide whether or not property was devoted to agricultural use for the purpose of obtaining the exemptions.

MR. CASE: That is exactly the purpose of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Miller?

MR. MILLER: Under this language, would the factors which you are probably femiliar with, certain municipal corporations will invite somebody over to the new factory and say, We will give you tax exemption for X-years if you will employ so many people. Would that sort of thing be prohibited by this?

MR. CASE: Well, Congressman Miller, exemptions from property taxes of that kind can only be permitted by direct act of the Legislature. This is done, for