

1 MR. SAYRE: Under the present Constitution,
2 but under our Section at present all we submit is a
3 petition. I mean, under our present draft, don't we
4 allow both ways?

5 THE CHAIRMAN: We don't say anything about
6 referendum except by petition.

7 MR. CASE: Mr. Chairman --

8 MR. CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I might suggest
9 the position of the Committee. We spent hours debating
10 the pros and cons, and you can still spend hours ending
11 up where you started from. The idea was to give the
12 General Assembly a degree of flexibility in order to
13 alter the boundaries of all the Counties, and if ultim-
14 ately the time comes that the Counties should be dissolved
15 and areas or regional redistricting are brought into
16 play, then the General Assembly should have that degree
17 of flexibility and be subject only to a State wide per-
18 missive referendum. But something short of that should
19 give to the areas that are affected a degree of protec-
20 tion, and this represents a compromise that was arrived
21 at with great, great difficulty; and I suggest that we