

1 be eligible to vote. That was the key word there.

2 MR. SCANLAN: Suppose the sentence read,
3 the General Assembly may by law exclude from voting
4 those persons who are mentally incompetent or who have
5 been convicted of serious crimes. Is that your
6 intention? Is that what you mean?

7 MR. GENTRY: Well, myself I would buy that,
8 but actually it was felt by the Committee that on a
9 question of incompetency it should not be left --
10 incompetency was different from a disqualification by
11 reason of conviction. We are disqualifying those
12 convicted. The only thing we are leaving to the
13 Legislature is the enumeration of the crimes which are

14 serious. Disqualification for incompetency was felt
15 something that would be a constitutional measure.

16 MR. MILES: I don't understand how there
17 could be any objection to saying no persons could be
18 eligible to vote during such time as he shall have
19 been judicially declared to have been mentally incompe-
20 tent.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: The reason given at the last