

1 states that the General Assembly shall by law or may
2 by law exclude persons because of serious crime. It
3 doesn't say anything about the General Assembly. It
4 just uses the words mentally incompetent without any
5 definition or any standard under the present wording.

6 All I was suggesting was if mentally incom-
7 petent people were to be excluded, and I think there
8 are circumstances where they should be, that the
9 Legislature before anybody was excludable would have
10 to set up a definition or standard.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: That is what I intended to
12 put up with my question, that the Constitution, without
13 meaning to give the precise phraseology, the Constitution
14 would declare that anyone mentally incompetent was
15 ineligible to vote but specifically leave to the
16 Legislature to provide by law the mechanics for deter-
17 mining whether a person was mentally incompetent and
18 the standards for determining mental competency.

19 MRS. BOTHE: A vote in favor of that proposi-
20 tion would be ^a vote against Section 4?

21 THE CHAIRMAN: A vote against Section 4 to so