

1 unless the Legislature, which I feel, Mr. Chairman,
2 often does in its own judgment provide, that such and
3 such a measure shall become effective if it is approved
4 by vote but I think that it causes a great many complica-
5 tions and a lot of litigation and I am just opposed to
6 having it in the Constitution. I think if the Legisla-
7 ture wants a vote of the people on something, they can
8 ask for it. That is my personal view. I may be very
9 much in the minority. I think a few people or 10 per
10 cent of the voters could come in and block a law. If
11 that happens, it is better to elect a new Legislature,
12 if they don't do what the people want.

13 . THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Scanlan?

14 MR. SCANLAN: I know the referendum sounds
15 democratic and has the shades of George Norris about it
16 but it is really one of the most pernicious manifesta-
17 tions of distrust of legislative power that exists.
18 Now there may have been some justification for it when
19 the legislative body in this state as in other states
20 wasn't perhaps truly representative of the people in the
21 sense that certain areas were not given the representation