

1 then being engaged in by these people, and no sooner did
2 the bill become law than these people put this thing on
3 referendum and it took a lot of doing to save the
4 state the very serious consequences which would have
5 happened if we hadn't had regulation between the time
6 when that bill would have become effective and the
7 election, which was some 18 months thereafter, so that
8 not only do I support what the Congressman said, but I
9 think that the referendum has been a decided drawback
10 to the people of the state.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clagett?

12 MR. CLAGETT: I wonder what would be the
13 effect of our rejecting the principle of referendum in
14 the Constitution when we turn around with the creation
15 of new political subdivisions, and there we make the
16 provision, as I think we are all, and I am going back
17 to the tenor of the Commission sometime ago, when we
18 presented the first report of the political subdivisions
19 and local government committee and where we are providing
20 there that the General Assembly shall have the power to
21 create new political subdivisions and it was thought that