

1 referendum is an evil thing in the Constitution, I think
2 we have to recognize that even when you get the
3 necessary number of signers on the petition, this doesn't
4 necessarily mean that this referendum is going to be
5 carried one way or the other. I think it creates an
6 area of education on that particular issue to the
7 public, which is necessary and needed, and I think the
8 people do turn out in necessary numbers, which is going
9 to be a referendum to pass something that is needed;
10 they generally will support it to some degree of subsis-
11 tence that is going to be beneficial to the state. If
12 it is something that will be detrimental to the state,
13 the educational material put out on the particular piece
14 of legislation passed is such that the people rally
15 around the petition and will necessarily kill it. I
16 think this has been proven in the past. I think it
17 has educated our voting population to a great degree on
18 the necessity of understanding what the issues are that
19 come before the General Assembly. When you recognize
20 that there is about 600 bills that are passed each year
21 in the General Assembly now, and you only get maybe one or