

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Melvin?

2 MR. MELVIN: I would like to speak against the  
3 idea of continuing sessions. I am not talking about the  
4 period of time now but just the continuing nature of the  
5 Legislature.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Let me make it clear once again  
7 that the Committee is not considering continuing session,  
8 continuing body.

9 MR. MELVIN: I understand. Mr. Sayre has  
10 mentioned the alleged difficulties of the staff and all  
11 that sort of thing. My experience has been that that  
12 is not the difficulty. I see no advantage to having con-  
13 tinuing, or having it a continuing body, and I am par-  
14 ticularly opposed to the idea of allowing bills which have  
15 failed to be regarded, to be picked up where they are  
16 left off. I think that would be very chaotic. As some-  
17 body mentioned here, you had close to 2000 bills intro-  
18 duced, and I think only about a third of those actually  
19 passed. If every time they came back in you had to go  
20 and pick up with those other two-thirds, I think the paper  
21 work would be prohibitive of ever getting anything done.