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accept that, is that true?

DR. BARD: That is correct.

MR. CASE: This would mean in effect that a bill introduced during the first session and held in committee could in effect be kept alive for four years until some action on it had been taken, or finally be killed.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would assume so. I would also assume that the two houses could by rule provide otherwise.

MR. CASE: Sure. The constitutional standpoint, this would be the case.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is right.

JUDGE ADKINS: Does it also mean, Mr. Chairman, officers of the bodies would continue for the four-

year period?

THE CHAIRMAN: I would assume that would follow.

MR. SCANIAN: Again, wouldn't that be by rule?

THE CHAIRMAN: I would say it would follow

unless it was decreed otherwise by rule or provided otherwise by rule. That would be the concept of the continuing