

1 possibility of filing a petition where the bill goes
2 into effect immediately.

3 MR. HALL: If we insert after the word
4 General Assembly on top of Page 6, the phrase may
5 expressly provide it, those four words, then you would
6 have a proviso provided that any law passed by a three-
7 fifths vote of all members of each House of the General
8 Assembly may expressly provide that it shall take
9 effect notwithstanding a referendum.

10 In the bill before it is enacted, it could
11 have a clause which says by vote of three-fifths it is
12 declared that this bill will take effect notwithstanding
13 a referendum petition. If it passes by three-fifths
14 vote that is law.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: That is not Mr. Martineau's
16 point. His point is that if the Legislature passes a
17 bill by any vote and says it is effective tomorrow,
18 you have cut off the right to referendum because there
19 isn't time to file a petition before the effective date.

20 MR. MARTINEAU: Particularly under the inter-
21 pretation you can't gather signatures on a petition until