

1 MR. MARTINEAU: My comment would go to Subsec-
2 tion (a). It seems to me that if you are going to
3 provide for the referendum, the worst thing we can do is
4 to write into the Constitution a percentage or absolute
5 number of the petitions or signatures necessary to put
6 to referendum. This seems to me a problem that is going
7 to change from time to time and we should here avoid the
8 specificity that we are trying to avoid in drafting this
9 entire Constitution. I think this is something that
10 should be left up to the Legislature.

11 MR. BROOKS: But this is an anti-legislature
12 provision.

13 MR. MARTINEAU: I don't think that makes any
14 difference. This is something that should be able
15 to be changed from time to time, depending upon the
16 circumstances, as experience proves whether the numbers
17 should go up or down. We have had experience in the
18 very recent years of a desire to raise the number of
19 signatures necessary to put a bill to referendum. I
20 personally think three per cent is entirely too low and
21 I would want to raise it but I don't want to get to the