

1 government. I cite as an example, and I would think that
2 our honorary chairman would have some remembrance of
3 this, a certain law which was passed in 1947, levying a
4 two per cent sales tax on various and sundry items, which
5 immediately was petitioned to referendum. I had the
6 obligation in that particular situation of convincing
7 the court that a tax bill was a bill making an appropri-
8 ation, which took a little doing, but the court did
9 decide that because of some dictum in another early case
10 that tax legislation, that is to say, legislation impos-
11 ing a tax, would not be subject to the referendum,
12 and it is my suggestion that this particular provision
13 be rewritten to make it abundantly clear that not only
14 are acts making appropriations exempt but also acts,
15 revenue raising measures.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: The committee accepts it?

17 MR. GENTRY: I would accept it and also
18 ask Mr. Case, on the finance side of his Committee's
19 work, would that do the job?

20 MR. CASE: That doesn't deal with what we
21 are doing, but it goes to the point.