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DELEGATE BLOUNT: Also, many states review their constitution upon the request of the populace every 10 years so it may be reevaluated at that time to see whether or not you would need a constitutional amendment at that particular time.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, does that answer your questions?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Yes but I had two other questions.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Delegate Eichhorn wants to respond on the same question.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: I just wanted to speak on the State Advisory Commission. There were many of us who were interested in establishing a housing court and seriously considering some sort of neighborhood court system but we did not feel that the committee had the time or the staff to research this sufficiently to develop such courts in the State Constitution and the Commission is viewed as a way of addressing those issues over a period of time with the involvement of citizens making recommendations to the legislature which they may or may not accept but also making the report available to the people who can then if they choose develop an initiative,

if that is necessary but with a foundation of information upon which they can develop recommendations for the initiative process if the legislature does not act.

Our Mayor, when he was a member of the Council, established a Tax Revision Commission which worked in the same manner and produced a rather detailed report and many of their recommendations have been enacted into law.

And we thought that this was a way to address the issue in a reasonable manner to meet both the needs of our court system and the fact that we just did not have time in 90 days to address this issue thoroughly and that anything drafted in the Constitution would lock us into a system until there was a constitutional amendment.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Thank you. Two more questions. I am concerned about the fact that we have a two-tier system. I am not necessarily for it or against it.

But did the committee thoroughly check with a lot of other states that had a two-tier system and also a three-tier system and compare -- make comparisons as to the ease with which people could take appeals?

In other words, is there a tendency in a two-tier system to close out more appeals than in the three-tier system? And what is the effect there? And what states did you