

1 DELEGATE CARSON: Chairman Penniman, the second  
2 sentence in this section, as I read it, and as I believe  
3 it was intended, permits the General Assembly to enact laws  
4 in the specified categories without respect to whether  
5 they are general or to whether they are local in nature;  
6 is that correct?

7 DELEGATE PENNIMAN: That is correct.

8 DELEGATE CARSON: So that the word "notwith-  
9 standing" in line 47 could be read to mean without the  
10 limitations proposed by this section, and that is what  
11 it really means?

12 DELEGATE PENNIMAN: That is correct.

13 DELEGATE JAMES: Delegate Penniman.

14 DELEGATE PENNIMAN: If you turn to the last  
15 page, it says that a special law shall not be enacted for  
16 any situation for which a general law is applicable.

17 This was, to the committee, an ambiguous situa-  
18 tion. Does that mean one where a law has been enacted, or  
19 a situation exists where one could be made applicable?

20 DELEGATE JAMES: Delegate Gallagher.

21 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Delegate Penniman, I would