

1 officers, it could accept bills which had been filed, it
2 could form committees, and there could be a referral of
3 bills to the various committees.

4 Now, the Committee was, itself, that is, the
5 Committee on the Legislative Branch was mindful of the fact
6 that if you didn't have an organization session distinguished
7 from a regular session, that the effect of meeting in an
8 organization session, which ideally would probably take
9 place sometime in December, might trigger the running of
10 the 90 days, and so consequently the Committee felt that
11 it would specifically provide for an organization special
12 session to take care of the details of getting the legis-
13 lature cranked up and geared to go, without beginning
14 to commence the regular session and the running of the
15 regular initial period, which presumably would be 90 days.

16 There are other States of the Union, Florida
17 and Alabama, which also use the organization session techni-
18 que. I might also point out that the session, of course,
19 is an annual session. We have moved over the past 10 to 15
20 years from biennial sessions to annual sessions. At one
21 time we had a 90 day session one year, followed by a 30 day