

1 people who called for the convention. That doesn't mean
2 I'm opposed to the idea. I have an open mind on that.
3 In fact, Senator-Elect Tom Anderson, to whom I've been
4 speaking, he's very interested in this bill and aware of
5 the importance of getting it through early and also
6 troubled by this nominating problem, he threw that out
7 when he said, couldn't we have sort of a county-wide
8 informal convention, not provided for in the Enabling
9 Act, but sponsored by the leading civic groups and both
10 parties, and I said, I suppose we could.

11 So, other people have thought of this.
12 It's a possible device, if properly handled, but it
13 also opens the charge of, you know, domination by a
14 few do-gooder types, et cetera.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Martineau?

16 MR. MARTINEAU: I think this system has
17 worked rather well in Anne Arundel County, where the
18 volunteers for a charter have really wound up controlling
19 the county government by endorsing certain candidates
20 and going out and backing those candidates and I think
21 this is probably the one way that the so-called do-gooders