

# Supreme Court's Jurisdiction

## DISCUSSION IN ASSEMBLY

**From Our Special Representative**  
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With the disposal of almost all controversial provisions of the draft constitution and with the dussara recess in sight, members were seen in carefree abandon when the Constituent Assembly today took up for consideration certain Articles which provided a paradise for lawyers.

The House passed a new Article giving the Supreme Court jurisdiction in respect of income-tax and acquisition proceedings also and proceeded to consider the two-year-old controversial provision relating to protection against certain arrests and detentions.

### RIGHT OF CONSULTATION

The Article provides that no person shall be detained without previous intimation of the grounds of his arrest or denied the right to consult a legal practitioner of his choice. A person arrested should also be produced before a magistrate within 24 hours of his arrest and detention of anyone, who is not an enemy alien or who is under preventive detention, is prohibited except under the authority of the magistrate.

Justifying the elimination of the words, "due process of law," Dr. Ambedkar observed that the substance of those words had been retained. There was no fundamental change as the clauses were mere reproduction of similar provisions in the Criminal Procedure Code.

The House will resume discussion tomorrow.

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