

1 DELEGATE CLARKE: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
2 gentlemen of the committee, I rise in opposition to the
3 amendment. A great deal has been said this afternoon
4 about the pressures, influences brought to bear on the
5 General Assembly and the inefficiencies and the last-minute
6 rush for legislation. A great deal has been said about
7 what has happened in years gone by.

8 If I may, I stand to be corrected; let's bring
9 the record up to date.

10 Shortly after the last General Assembly adjourned
11 the last session, if I am not correct, I stand to be
12 corrected, the Washington Post, the Evening Star, the
13 Baltimore Sun, the New York Times, Life Magazine, radio
14 and TV commentary wrote, or in other words, described
15 editorially the General Assembly of Maryland. In effect,
16 they all agreed on one thing, that the last session of
17 this General Assembly of Maryland, which was composed of
18 many, many freshmen, was outstanding in its efforts and
19 in its accomplishments.

20 We worked hard. Certainly we had the pressure
21 of last-minute bills going back and forth. This is not