

1 government is most evident in New York. So disappointing
2 are the results that New York is contemplating an ignoble
3 promotion of chance taking -- at the expense of the poor
4 and the gullible.

5 Attached to this statement are copies of arti-
6 cles reviewing Maryland's unfortunate experience with
7 legalized lotteries, general historical experience, and
8 England's second thoughts.

9 Is it worth risking Maryland's good name and
10 the erosion of its public standards by legalizing a source
11 of tax revenue, which both historical and current examples
12 show is illusory.

13 I am asking this Committee to recognize that
14 lotteries do not create wealth. In the last analysis,
15 government must be supported by constructive and creative
16 labor. Taxation must rest upon this base -- with the full
17 knowledge and acceptance of the cost of government by the
18 people of Maryland. Games of chance merely hide this fact
19 and they should be barred by constitutional mandate.

20 I would like to supplement this statement by say-
21 ing that you will find the gambling authorizations in those