

1 soon and Maryland's good name<sup>soon</sup> will suffer the erosion  
2 that comes with open gambling.

3 I call your attention that the Legislative  
4 Liaison Committee is in substantial agreement that this  
5 Constitutional Committee should be continued and brought  
6 forward to the new Constitution.

7 ~~You~~ urge that this is not a frivolous or a funny  
8 matter. This is not a time for levity. I like jokes my-  
9 self and I have, you might say, a few bad habits which I  
10 would not want to relate here, but I want to say to you  
11 that it is not a time for laughter because Maryland's good  
12 name and Maryland's future is at stake in this vote.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dukes.

14 DELEGATE DUKES: I will call on a conservative  
15 from Anne Arundel County, Delegate Wiedemeyer.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wiedemeyer.

17 DELEGATE WIEDEMEYER: Mr. Chairman and members  
18 of the Convention, I don't think it is time for jokes  
19 either. Neither do I want a joke in the Constitution  
20 because this is what it would be as I read this language,  
21 sanctioned or authorized, it all means the same thing. When