

1 simply to say this. I don't think that this is an issue
2 that we ought to get overcharged about or to emote a great
3 deal about but my thinking about the matter has changed
4 somewhat over the past few months and I do think the
5 tendency of public officials to lead people down the garden
6 path to believe that the fiscal panacea is the lottery, is
7 one we ought to give some consideration to. I believe the
8 last refuge of those who would delude the people that they
9 don't have to pay their fair share of the taxes is the
10 argument that we should have a lottery. I think it has been
11 disproved here in the United States. It is not the kind of
12 thing that we ought to let Maryland run headlong into. I
13 think it is the kind of decision that ought to be made
14 soberly and upon reflection and I think with the rise in
15 taxes and the tendency of the people to look for an easy
16 way that this is too attractive and I submit that in reality
17 we ought to put this prohibition in the Constitution because
18 it does mean that it could be accomplished through a
19 constitutional amendment. But it would also mean that it
20 would be done after considerable reflection, thought and
21 debate.