

1 First and most importantly, the proponent of
2 the Constitutional amendment himself suggested to us that
3 he never intended the result which came out of the Alsop
4 case.

5 Secondly, if you read Article XLIII you will see
6 that it does use the word "may," and also you will conclude
7 with me that although I believe you sat on that case, that
8 the Court might have reached a different result.

9 Certainly a lot of people thought it was going
10 to reach a different result.

11 Thirdly, it is my considered judgment that
12 the people in voting did not intend to confer benefits
13 upon land speculators through the guise of a farm tax assess-
14 ment. All of the literature at that time, including the
15 editorials in the Baltimore Sun and the News Post -- I
16 didn't read the ones in the Washington papers -- were di-
17 rected toward helping the legitimate farmer, the man who
18 makes his living by working the land.

19 Now, this is what we are trying to do, and by
20 the same token, we are trying to give the administrative
21 officers of the State the tools to prevent the land