

1 on, if it has any effect, it will preclude the developers
2 from going out and snapping up the land at the present
3 time. They will let the farmer continue to use it, and when
4 the farmer can continue to use it at the use type assess-
5 ment, then the desired result, which the committee seeks
6 to accomplish, has been achieved.

7 I don't see why we should encourage a developer
8 to go and buy farmland.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions
10 to the committee chairman?

11 Delegate Lloyd Taylor.

12 DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: You have given special
13 consideration to the agricultural uses of the land. I
14 wonder if your committee has given any consideration
15 to some of the problems in urban areas; for instance, you
16 have many real estate companies buying lots of apartment
17 houses, say in the cities and large urban areas, and after
18 buying this large area of land, many times they let the
19 property deteriorate, and in this way they avoid paying
20 high taxes. And, of course, in Baltimore City where I
21 live, say in the second district, we have assessment values