

1 very gracious lady asked me a question, being a disolute  
2 woman was held to be a petty offense.

3 But let me, if I may, Mr. Chairman, yield  
4 the floor to Delegate Carson. The field of criminal law  
5 is more of his calling than it is mine. I think he might  
6 be able to supply more answers.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

8 DELEGATE CARSON: Well, the Federal Congress  
9 has in the area of petty offenses made, for example,  
10 oleo margerine violations having small penalties, small  
11 traffic infractions on the Federal enclaves, including  
12 the Baltimore-Washington Expressway in this State, and  
13 numerous, numerous other ones. The MARYland cases make  
14 it very clear that you cannot have such an offense that  
15 existed in common law and for which there was a jury trial.  
16 There was a Maryland case making it clear that you can say  
17 a \$5.00 larceny would be a limited offense.

18 We are talking about petty offenses, some of  
19 which existed then, and some of which were created since.

20 Congress has had many, and the State of Maryland  
21 has had many in the past.