

his heart knows, in fact, we have not been able to do and could not do if we sat here for another ten years.

There was earlier talk in connection with the consumer protection about the products which are frequently labeled as giant quart size. I suggest to this Convention, to place in this Constitution language as lofty in purpose, as meaningless in execution, and as impossible of performance as this one is to label this Constitution the giant quart size.

As one delegate, I am not prepared to submit to the people a document which I consider would be as misleading as this document would be if it held out the hope inherent in this proposal without the necessity or the ability to carry out that hope. I would urge the amendment be adopted.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Bennett.

For what purpose does Delegate Pullen rise?

DELEGATE PULLEN: I want to oppose the amendment.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): I recognize Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee, I went along with Delegate Scanlan in opposing some of these amendments initially, but I know when the Convention has spoken and what its intents and ideas are. I am willing to accept that decision and not continue to reiterate and object to what their plain meaning is.

What we have here is an attempt to establish a concept. A concept is a goal. We are not writing a constitution alone of restraints and retributions and don'ts. We are undertaking to set up certain goals and if ever there has been a goal in this nation, it is the concept of economic security. It has been implemented on the national level by social security, and unemployment compensation, and I think we can well set forward that goal here. We do not have to resort to a lot of outworn shibboleths about the welfare state and about laissez-faire in the economy and about rugged individualism. That went down to the worst defeat in history. We are here to set goals. One of the specific reasons that we need this is because as times goes on perhaps it is indeed going to be possible for the states to share some of the revenues that are now being collected by the federal government. If that day comes, if we are to strengthen our state govern-

ment and get rid of the federal bulldozer, then we have got to have something in our constitution that sets the direction toward which we are going. That direction is toward the protection and upholding of individual worthiness, dignity.

That is the goal we want to set, and I think that this is not holding out a vain hope to the people of Maryland at all. It is setting a goal towards which we shall go and I hope indeed that Mr. Scanlan's amendment is defeated and if necessary, we can go to the merits of this proposal. If there is something worthy in this, let's do it.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Does anyone wish to speak in favor of the amendment?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Koger.

DELEGATE KOGER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I would just like to make sure that the remarks that I made previously are now recorded in support of this amendment. In addition to that, I would like to state that I believe the Committee Amendment which this amendment would eliminate is a dangerous type of policy. I do most sincerely. It holds out to the people a promise which is unattainable and we would be holding out to the people something that the American system of government does not work for, and that is the right to work, the right to be ambitious, the right to get some place, and to do something, and I think that when we reach a certain point we have got to call a halt.

I think if we can get all of the things that we are working for, fair employment, housing, work opportunities, and good education. In other words, I think we have to work forward along the line and not along the welfare state.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Does anyone wish to speak favorably?

DELEGATE BOROM: I wish to speak in opposition.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Does anyone wish to speak in favor?

Are you ready for the question?

DELEGATE BOROM: I would like to speak in opposition to the amendment.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Borom wishes to speak for it? We are still in favor. Delegate Gill, Delegate White, do you wish to speak in favor of the amendment?

DELEGATE WHITE: I am against.