

I'm clearly aware of the fact that this board doesn't go out until next year and it should take some action to eliminate these things or make these people give up their licenses. It's the only way we are going to break organized gambling.

Q. Governor, when you say that the Senators are clearly in the hands of the gambling interests, would you explain a little more fully what you mean?

A. I have made this perfectly clear before, during the time I was Baltimore County Executive, that there seems to be a very unusual interest in the preservation of these free play gambling type pinball machines, and I think this is just a followthrough of the course of conduct that they have taken in the past. They are out to protect the gamblers by controlling the board, because they are afraid that we are going to take some action to rid the taverns of these devices.

Q. What I was getting at, are you charging them simply with doing the work of the gambling interests ethically, or are you saying in the pay of the gambling interests?

A. No, I am not charging them with being on the payroll of any illegal action. I'm saying that politically they depend on the goodwill of these people to be elected.

REMARKS TO DELEGATES-ELECT,
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GOUCHER COLLEGE, TOWSON

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Let me say first on behalf of the people of Maryland that your seeking this very transitory office was much appreciated, and further that you are to be congratulated for being elected by a very discerning and interested minority of those eligible to vote in Maryland.

I have no doubt that all of you, regardless of whether or not you are presently members of the bar, will emerge from this convention as the finest constitutional lawyers in the entire State. But before you can begin the difficult task of rewriting a Constitution, it is important that you know the contents of the instrument you are preparing to rewrite. Perhaps it is equally important for you to have some insight into the functioning of government, so that you can relate the constitutional theory to everyday practice.