

1 We find in the State of Maryland and through-
2 out this country ship lines, airlines, are subsidized
3 by the government. We find the housing industry subsidized
4 by the government, and, my friend, Delegate Koger, will
5 find that the insurance industry benefits from subsidies
6 of the government. We have put in a subsidy of the farmers
7 of this state. Therefore, under this constitutional
8 principle we should and must provide economic opportunity
9 for the people who are in need, and if we can do this for
10 one class of citizens we can do it for all classes of
11 citizens.

12 I sponsored an amendment that would provide
13 a certain amount of rights and economic benefits to
14 all citizens and that includes not only the poor, but
15 the middle class. For instance, when I worked for the
16 welfare department, we helped people who worked every
17 day. They were in need of assistance to pay their hospital
18 bills, and I remember talking to a woman whose husband
19 earned fifteen thousand dollars as an engineer, and she
20 needed help to pay for a relative in a state hospital.
21 We subsidize people every day in the State of Maryland