

1 care of the child support provision. I could be in error.
2 That is my impression.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: I think you are. The amend-
4 ment was made to section 3.8 because of the first
5 clause, because of the way section 3.8 read before the
6 amendment.

7 In other words, the provision, the amendment as
8 to imprisonment for non-support of children, was an amend-
9 ment of section 3.8 of Article III.

10 DELEGATE MACDONALD: I understand that fully,
11 Mr. Chairman, but if we had no section 3.8 of
12 Article III of the Constitution today, and the article
13 was complet -- and the matter was completely
14 silent as far as the Constitution is concerned, I don't think
15 a man could be imprisoned in the State of Maryland for debt.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

17 DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, I think I know
18 the legislative history of why the General Assembly amended
19 the law by way of Constitutional amendment.

20 My recollection is that problems used to occur
21 where separation agreements under which husbands would