

1 "Thank you very much, it was a big help all right, but how
2 do I get this chewing gum out of my ear?" (Laughter).

3 My advice, I hope, will be better received and
4 better acted upon than that poor fellow on the airline.

5 What I want to say to you is this: We are in
6 favor of the freedom to know, but not as Delegate Sherbow
7 has said, just opening the floodgates. I think the matter
8 can properly be handled by the legislature, and I think
9 that it can be handled intelligently by the legislature,
10 but if we left it to the legislature to close all the
11 floodgates, we are opening, we are in trouble.

12 The exceptions raised by the various experts
13 who came over to speak on the right to know law disenchanted
14 me on it.

15 Delegate Willoner has advised you as a matter of
16 common law right you would have a right to the record.
17 If you don't know it, the Maryland code provides that all
18 meetings, regular and special, by the legislative body
19 by whatever name known, and every municipal corporation of
20 Maryland, including the City of Baltimore, shall be public
21 meetings and open to the public at all times.