

1 practice this morning.

2 We have a common-law right to records. It
3 is a part of the common law of Maryland. This provision,
4 it seems to me, abolishes the common-law right, and gives
5 it exclusively in the hands of the general assembly.

6 I contend that this is a step backward, and
7 frankly is not in issue at issue. It is Mr. Kiefer's
8 attempt to kill this thing by putting in something that
9 doesn't mean anything. He doesn't mention anything about
10 the meeting aspects, which is what we are trying to get at.

11 I would suggest we would be better off without
12 anything than to have this provision.

13 As to the complaints he has with respect to
14 amendment 24, I should point out that when our founding
15 fathers met in Philadelphia they came up with the language:

16 "No law shall be made respecting an establishment
17 of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

18 For example, does that permit Mormons to have
19 more than one wife? Because you didn't pass a law
20 prohibiting the free exercise of religion. Why, my God,
21 this house would have crumpled.