

1 first time in a governmental action other than balloting.
2 Others are experienced. I would like to know everything
3 that goes on. I have had experience in this Convention,
4 and my experience here has shown me that there are some
5 meetings that cannot and should not be opened because
6 they can be misinterpreted if people can only listen to
7 a portion or part when they are there.

8 I would suggest, instead of taking amendment
9 24, which opens everything and which will force the
10 general assembly in which we must have confidence,
11 we must have confidence in them, instead of forcing them
12 to issue by statute hoards of "do not", we do have, according
13 to the Maryland code, obviously many open meetings, and we
14 will continue to.

15 I am sure in the integrity of the general
16 assembly they will open more and more. But we must do
17 it through the positive, not the negative. Let us do
18 it as it benefits the people.

19 Amendment 24 does not delete, from what I under-
20 stand of those who are knowledgable, it does not delete the
21 rights that we already have. It will give us the others