

1 from Harford County, 79 students from the Edgewood Junior
2 High School, with their teachers, Miss Lois Merckle and
3 Mr. Garlands Fuller, and 30 eighth grade students from
4 our North Harford High School with their teacher, Mr.
5 Stephen C. Williams.

6 I would appreciate your all joining me in giving
7 them a welcome. (Applause.)

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Ritter.

9 DELEGATE RITTER: Has your Committee gone into the
10 far-reaching effect that if this exemption was taken out
11 of the constitution what effect it might have on railroad
12 employment on the B&O in the State of Maryland as well as
13 effect to the Port of Baltimore by them having their
14 tentacles into the coal fields of West Virginia whence
15 most all our coal is shipped abroad from Curtis Bay?

16 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No, we have not. I should
17 say it is not punitive or penal legislation. This is
18 merely an attempt to regularize and to make uniform
19 corporation statutes and the handling of corporations
20 chartered by the State of Maryland. We did not seek
21 to weigh the economic impact of the loss of the exemption.