

1 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Rybczynski, can you
2 answer the inquiry?

3 DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Partially.

4 There are many officials who handle large sums
5 of money. For instance, the Registrar of Wills of
6 Baltimore City, who is an elective official, handles
7 millions of dollars of taxes every year. He is just one
8 example, and there are many, many others around the state.
9 Clerks of courts handle many millions of dollars every
10 year. All these sorts of people, sheriffs, many court
11 house employees in particular.

12 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Bennett.

13 DELEGATE BENNETT: I have been bonded myself
14 on many occasions, but the kind of bond you speak of to
15 secure honesty is one thing, and the kind of bond Mr.
16 White has in mind -- namely, a faithful performance bond
17 is what he has in mind in which the New York bankers are
18 involved -- is an entirely different kind of bond. I can
19 think of no reason why in this day and age we should
20 require anybody to put up money for his faithful performance
21 bonds in order to hold office, and I therefore think that
unless this could be amended and limited entirely to a