

1 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Miller, do you have
2 a further question?

3 DELEGATE MILLER: I understand now that property
4 ownership could not be required by the General Assembly
5 as a condition for voting. Could it then be required as
6 a condition for holding office?

7 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Koss?

8 DELEGATE KOSS: Under the Maryland Constitution
9 I think this is within the power of the General Assembly.

10 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Miller?

11 Delegate Cardin.

12 DELEGATE CARDIN. Mr. President, I would like to
13 answer Delegate Miller a little more clearly for myself.

14 The courts have held that municipal elections,
15 according to their own procedures, may have laws requiring
16 property ownership. This is what we wish to delete, because
17 we do have 21 such municipalities today that require anywhere
18 from \$100 to \$500 real property ownership, and pay tax
19 on them in order to have a right to the first vote.

20 This is what this section is geared to do. We
21 want to eliminate as a right to vote in Bel Air, Havre de