

1 Now, we put this to Jim Rennie, who spent 40
2 years in this State first in the department of finance,
3 all the way through to where he was budget director, to
4 the Honorary Chairman of this Convention, and Governor
5 for eight years.

6 I spoke to Jim Rennie. He said this is the
7 answer to it. I spoke to ~~Leutkemeyer~~, the Treasurer.
8 I spoke to Dr. Paul Cooper. What I am saying to you is
9 that they approve this. Our committee has approved it.
10 We have given you the best judgment. Don't lock it in so
11 that for the next 50 or 100 years it can't be changed.

12 This provision gives you the flexibility that
13 you need. It can only be used when the legislature votes
14 by a three-fifths majority. Remember, the Governor always
15 has the veto power. Times may change, and under those
16 conditions we say to you that the State of Maryland should
17 have the protection that it needs, and I ask you to vote
18 against the amendment.

19 THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question?

20 Delegate Marvin Smith.

21 DELEGATE MARVIN SMITH: I move the previous