

1 THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is submitted by
2 Delegate Fornos. Is there a second? Who seconds?

3 DELEGATE RUSH: Second.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rush seconds.

5 The Chair recognizes Delegate Fornos.

6 DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. Chairman and Fellow Dele-
7 gates, since we have heard repeatedly in the explanation of
8 the legislative passage accompanying this Constitution that
9 the General Assembly hereafter will have the right to amend
10 that package and put whatever figure it wants to, I feel
11 that it would be detrimental to the welfare of the entire
12 Constitution for us to get involved in a salary dispute,
13 especially in view of the fact that on November 8, 1966,
14 the people of Maryland by a narrow vote of 20,000 majority
15 voted an increase in the salary of the Governor from
16 fifteen to twenty-five thousand. I do so because of three
17 reasons which I feel are pertinent to the question.

18 A, on April 15, the people of this State will be
19 confronted with having to go in many cases and borrow large
20 sums of money to pay for the recent tax increase confronting
21 the State especially in view of the fact that the tax was