

1 speaking for myself and the five other members of my family
2 I will be glad to contribute the extra three cents in tax
3 dollars the six of us will have to contribute to pay this
4 extra fifteen thousand dollars. Thank you.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke.

6 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: There are certain transi-
7 tional reasons that we need to put this amount in here and
8 that is the constitutional prohibition of raising or chang-
9 ing the salary of an incumbent when he is in office.
10 Unless we do it this way, it would be very difficult for
11 the Legislature to do it at all with regard to the incumbent.

12 Secondly, I think we occupy a peculiar position
13 with regard to the people of the State of Maryland. We
14 are more or less their direct representation. It is easier
15 and more non-political for us to take care of this matter
16 than it is for the Legislature to attempt to do it.

17 For that reason I think the amendment should be
18 voted down.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kathleen Robie.

20 DELEGATE ROBIE: Mr. President and Ladies and
21 Gentlemen: I will not belabor this issue, but I would like
to point out that I don't believe the man in the street