

1 embodies the wisdom and the experience of good government
2 in this State for the past century. What we are doing is
3 casting aside that document in its entirety for a new
4 document which takes new paths.

5 You say we have a stronger executive, a stronger
6 legislative body, a strong judiciary. That is all true,
7 but you are creating bodies further removed from the people
8 than they were under the old Constitution, and in this day,
9 when the burden of taxation rests so heavily on all state
10 governments throughout the nation, the cost of this new draft
11 has never even been estimated.

12 Mr. President, as much as I dislike to, I shall
13 cast my vote against the new Constitution. I do not want to
14 close without paying my regards to you. When I came here I
15 knew that you were one of Maryland's great lawyers. Tonight
16 I can truthfully say that you are the greatest Marylander
17 I have ever had the privilege to know.

18 (Constitutional Convention rising, applause.)

19 DELEGATE DORSEY: Mr. President, let me add that
20 the 142 members who comprise this body are the most
21 conscientious and dedicated group that I have ever known to