

1 **presently** receiving.

2 We have arrived at the figure of \$8,000, and I
3 believe and the members of the Committee believe, conserva-
4 tively, based upon very detailed sifting of the duties of
5 the members of the General Assembly. We believe that the
6 off-session Committee work, as well as the 70 day work
7 which is presently performed by the General Assembly takes
8 up so much time of some of the Delegates that although
9 we may be reluctant to classify the General Assembly of
10 Maryland as a full time legislature, that nevertheless it
11 approaches full time service to the people of Maryland in
12 the amount of time that is devoted to the business of this
13 State and to the business of the General Assembly.

14 Now, it may well be true that in past times it
15 has been difficult to have the voters increase the Consti-
16 tutionally authorized salary, but the Committee believes
17 that part of the reason lies in the fact that the general
18 public is not aware of the vast amount of time and sacri-
19 fice that goes into being a member of the General Assembly.
20 An examination of the salaries paid in other States will
21 indicate that in recommending a figure of \$8,000, we err