

1 only on the conservative side.

2 It may always be that there may be some indi-
3 viduals who do not deserve the full amount, but be that as
4 it may, we believe that by and large, on the basis of the
5 testimony that we have heard, that the vast majority of the
6 members of the General Assembly are entitled to a substan-
7 tial increase in wages, and we believe that not only will
8 it help attract valuable and capable people to public
9 office, but also it will retain in the General Assembly of
10 Maryland men who have made considerable dollar sacrifices
11 over the years in order to perform public service.

12 We believe, therefore, that the \$8,000 figure
13 is one which certainly ought to be a floor.

14 Now, after the adoption of the Constitution,
15 assuming the favorable action on the transitory legisla-
16 tion by this Convention, thereafter the General Assembly
17 itself may vary the salary, but no increase in salary shall
18 take effect for those members of the legislature and that
19 particular General Assembly which voted for it.

20 In other words, when a salary increase is
21 enacted, those people who vote for it will not have the