

1 Again ladies and gentlemen of the committee,
2 may I direct your attention to the Section 5.01 through
3 5.11 dealing with court structure.

4 Here the Committee on the Judicial Branch
5 accepted its first challenge, that is, accepted the re-
6 sponsibility of upgrading the courts of limited jurisdic-
7 tion in the State of Maryland. It is generally recognized,
8 and I believe there is no dissent in the state, that to
9 improve administration of justice in our great state the
10 first responsibility is to improve it at the level dealing
11 with the greatest number of people.

12 Our supporting memorandum has ample facts and
13 figures to convince you we hope that at this level of
14 our present court system there is chaos, to say the least.

15 May I call your attention to a release in the
16 press over the weekend in which a judge, an apparently
17 part-time judge in Baltimore County actually cried for
18 help with respect to his court calendar and court facility
19 in that great section of our state.

20 For those of you who may not have seen the
21 comment in the press the facts were, as I recall, that