

1 3, which would in effect provide for functional divisions
2 to be established as prescribed by rule or by law.

3 If that amendment were acted on favorably, would
4 you feel that your amendment to which you are addressing
5 yourself now would be unnecessary?

6 DELEGATE JOHNSON: Let me answer it in this way:

7 I am sympathetic, if not in favor, and I am
8 probably in favor with the amendment that you propose, but
9 it really doesn't answer the question of special courts,
10 such as the possibility of establishing a single tax court.

11 I don't know whether or not these particular
12 special courts will ever be needed, and I don't know
13 whether or not any other special courts will be needed.
14 We just felt that perhaps, in writing this Constitution,
15 we would want to allow for the flexibility.

16 Let me be perfectly frank in saying that, as
17 of this time, I believe that a unified judicial court
18 system, a four-tier court system, particularly with the
19 provision that the functional divisions will be determined
20 by rule or by law, will answer all the immediate problems
21 of Maryland. Yes, they will. I can't predict what will