

1 people and businesses in the years to come, for in Maryland  
2 they have the added right: Rights in the Market Place.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Do any delegates desire to speak in  
4 opposition to the recommendation?

5 Delegate Marvin Smith?

6 DELEGATE M. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I take a back  
7 seat to no one when it comes to protecting the rights  
8 of the consumer, and even while we have been in session here,  
9 sir, I have used the tool of the Maryland/Sales Act of  
10 1941 to protect consumers, but I submit to you, sir, that  
11 when we write this into the Constitution, we are doing  
12 the same thing that the Constitutional Convention of 1867  
13 did when it put such things as the Wreckmaster for Worcester  
14 County into the Constitution.

15 We are holding out a promise to people which  
16 may not necessarily be kept. As has been indicated by the  
17 Chairman of the Committee, this grant, this provision will  
18 not increase one iota the power of the General Assembly.  
19 The General Assembly has ample power to legislate on  
20 the subject. The General Assembly should legislate on the  
21 subject. I am distressed by the comment of the Chairman