

1 pursuit of happiness," -- does establish
2 and ordain this Constitution.

3 I believe that that statement expresses a
4 constitutional philosophy, a constitutional purpose, and
5 I believe it is adequate for our job.

6 H. L. Mencken in discussing President Harding
7 said on one occasion, "President Harding's speeches sound
8 like a bunch of unrelated, high-sounding phrases strung
9 together by a string, like pearls."

10 He said, "Mr. Harding would just as well stand
11 up and say: In God We Trust, save the flag, bless our
12 country, e pluribus unum, without any consideration of
13 what they mean."

14 I suggest the preamble sounds like: We the people
15 of the State of Maryland, recognizing that we should "save
16 the flag," and believing "in God We Trust," and having
17 the concept of "e pluribus unum," and dedicated to the
18 proposition that we should "bless our country," do establish
19 and ordain this Constitution.

20 I suggest that is just about as much as the pre-
21 amble means. I think the committee went to a great