

1     disfranchise the Negro through a variety of Constitutional  
2     amendments. Now we like to think we have reached a more  
3     enlightened era.

4             Truly great progress has been made, but still  
5     discrimination exacts its toll, and we do not know what the  
6     future holds, but we do know that Maryland has the oppor-  
7     tunity here and now to stand forthrightly against dis-  
8     crimination and for equal justice.

9             THE CHAIRMAN: Your time has expired.

10            DELEGATE WAGANDT. On behalf of human dignity,  
11     I urge your support of this amendment.

12            THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke.

13            DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Mr. Chairman, in speaking  
14     for the Committee's position, I want to say that I pri-  
15     vately have very little sympathy for the minority posi-  
16     tion and may very well vote for it, but I think that I  
17     understand sufficiently well what the committee had in mind  
18     to express it and to show the soundness of the committee's  
19     position as well.

20            This committee unanimously felt, and believed,  
21     that the state should be colorblind. I have no compunction