

1 DELEGATE MITCHELL: Two minutes.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

3 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
4 gentlemen of the committee, I rise briefly to support
5 this amendment, because I remember this General Assembly
6 when abortive attempts were made to adopt the language
7 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United
8 States, and I think it would be a significant thing
9 to put the power and the majesty of the law behind the
10 rights which we believe ought to be accorded to every
11 citizen.

12 In spite of what might have been said about
13 a redundancy in language, it would seem to me that the
14 protracted manner in which many of the rights which
15 belong to all our citizens have been accorded, that it would
16 serve Maryland well and bring to this Convention a measure
17 of appreciation by all of those who have suffered so long
18 as a result of unequal application of the laws.

19 As has been said so often, all men were born
20 equal, but it is proved unfortunately that some were born
21 more equal than others and I suggest to you and respectfully