

1 Many times the government of Maryland has operated in a
2 vacuum, with no laws pertaining to equal protection, and
3 often we have relied upon the United States Constitution.

4 According to a United States Civil Rights
5 Commission report on schools it says, "Section 5 gives the
6 Congress the power to enforce the amendment by 'appropriate
7 legislation.' Recent Supreme Court decisions make it clear
8 that section 5 is an affirmative grant which authorizes
9 the Congress to determine what legislation is needed to
10 further the aims of the amendment."

11 I feel that the General Assembly should be en-
12 couraged to enact laws to secure the protection of all the
13 citizens of the State of Maryland.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions of the sponsor of the
15 amendment?

16 Delegate Kiefer -- I am sorry -- Delegate
17 Gleason.

18 DELEGATE GLEASON: Delegate Taylor, were you
19 referring to section 5 of Article XIV?

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor.

21 DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Yes.