

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire
2 to speak in favor?

3 Delegate Carson.

4 DELEGATE CARSON: It was not the intention
5 of the movers of this amendment to fog up the Constitution.
6 We were perfectly happy with the statement made by the
7 Chairman, but that statement, in turn, was fogged up by
8 others; and therefore we had to reintroduce it. I am
9 certainly agreeable to the Committee on Style in any way
10 changing the words that we have used, as long as they don't
11 change the substance.

12 It is our intent -- and I want to make this clear --
13 that this area shall include only the area of petty offenses
14 as defined in the cases decided by the Maryland Court of
15 Appeals, and defined by the Supreme Court. It is a most
16 limited area. It is the area in which the General
17 Assembly may grant the right of jury trial.

18 We are not taking away that right from the General
19 Assembly. It is only in the minor situation that we say that
20 the Court may not have a jury trial. There were a
21 number of parking cases that arose in Woodlawn.