

1 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: I would like to speak
2 in favor of the amendment, if I may.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: You may speak.

4 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: I hesitate to go against
5 the wishes of the majority of the committee, I would
6 like to point out to this group, however, that represen-
7 tatives of the city of Baltimore appeared before the
8 committee and they were adamantly opposed to the inclu-
9 sion of the concept of damages into our eminent domain
10 Constitutional provisions.

11 Joe Busher, who is in charge of this kind of
12 work for the State Roads Commission, expressed a certain
13 amount of horror at the inclusion of this concept into
14 the eminent domain concept.

15 Let me say that I don't know whether any
16 testimony was taken as to the extent or the cost to the
17 state of Maryland. I didn't hear any and I can assure you
18 that you don't know what you are opening the door to.

19 We have always been, in this state, a very
20 strong taking state. Our Court of Appeals has limited,
21 time and time again, the amount of compensation to