

1 And yet this occurs every day of every week in
2 the state of Maryland.

3 This change relating to damages is headed
4 toward relieving the damage done to private individuals
5 by the state of Maryland. If there is an increase in the
6 acquisition cost to the state of Maryland, all that they
7 need to do is to raise the gasoline tax. It is what they
8 do anyway, don't they? Every time the contractor says that
9 cement has gone up and the cost of labor has gone up,
10 nobody stops building roads. They merely increase the
11 tax that is necessary.

12 In other words, it is spread through all of the
13 citizens and not one citizen or the obligation is
14 not on one citizen to take the lion's share of the damage.

15 This is an extremely good provision in this
16 Constitution. I hope that the amendment is defeated.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Henderson.

18 DELEGATE HENDERSON: Fellow delegates, I,
19 during my time, sat on a good many of these cases in-
20 volving taking by eminent domain and am quite familiar
21 with the cases in Nichols which is a standard authority,