

1 civil cases and criminal cases where a capital offense
2 was involved. There is some language at the end of the
3 present constitutional provision. I am reading now from
4 the present Constitution which says, "In regard to this
5 unqualified right of removal and the General Assembly
6 shall make such modification of the existing law as may be
7 necessary to regulate and give force to this provision."

8 This language is so much simpler to the last
9 sentence in Amendment 13. In Barnes against Meliski, a
10 decision by the Maryland Court of Appeals, the Court held
11 that that language did not give the General Assembly the
12 authority to modify the unqualified right of removal.

13 In other words, ladies and gentlemen, the
14 language on lines 11, 12, and 13 of Amendment 13 may not
15 give the Court the right to modify the unqualified right
16 of removal which is contained in the first section, first
17 sentence.

18 Now, turning to Amendment 13A, this would give
19 unqualified right of removal in all actions at law or in
20 equity upon the request of a party except that actions
21 involving real property, removal in those cases would be