

1 completely out of balance. The poor need a break and a
2 lift up the ladder. In this recommendation Maryland
3 is being asked to invest in the economic future of
4 the people of this state. This is a laudable thought,
5 even if it is an impossible one.

6 It is not only that you cannot enforce this
7 recommendation or this amendment, but it may come as a
8 boomerang as it promises a welfare state and I most
9 heartily disapprove of a welfare state.

10 Minorities have agitated for economic
11 opportunities over and over again, and our fight for
12 economic rights, fair housing, employment opportunities,
13 public accommodations, right to vote, adequate education,
14 right to organize, and the right to consumer protection
15 against bad business practices goes on. I think the
16 government should do something about it. I feel it is
17 doing something about it, and should do even much more.

18 Still, I do not believe this amendment adds
19 a thing to this question, but I believe that the recommen-
20 dation may prove to be a haven for lost hopes, lack of
21 industry, ambition, and inspiration.