

any consideration to shifting language in such a fashion that the connotation could not be construed from it?

DELEGATE BOYER: We gave much consideration to the proper wording or verbiage that should be in this particular section. Certainly it was never our intent and I do not think anyone's intent at this Convention that by the slightest scintilla of evidence could the problem that you raise come up.

We certainly do not intend to include all business. We are not going to penalize the good for the bad.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there further questions?

Delegate Bothe?

DELEGATE BOTHE: Delegate Boyer, in answer to a question asked Delegate Key on Wednesday, the question being whether this recommendation was intended to cover professional people, lawyers, doctors, accountants, et cetera, she answered in the affirmative, and I as a lawyer am somewhat concerned that there might be some conflict between the regulation of ethical practices in my profession by the Court of Appeals and otherwise by the General Assembly, and the Constitutional provision here. I wondered if you could expand a little bit on what your Committee meant when it intended to include professionals as well as business people.

DELEGATE BOYER: Delegate Key did give the precise and exact answer, when she answered in the affirmative. This particular question came up in Committee discussion, and it was the intent of the majority of the Committee that it should include not only businesses which deal in commodities and tangible goods, but that it should also include professions and businesses that might deal in services, which would, of course, include attorneys and conceivably doctors and other professions.

As you know, we have the Maryland State Bar Association, with its own policing, through the grievance committees and other organizations that can adequately supervise and police our profession. However, it was the majority's intent that this should include services.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

DELEGATE DELLA: Chairman Boyer, would this also apply to the newspapers in condemning the members of the legislature?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: There had been some thought to that and we hoped that this would be so.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? If not, the Committee Chairman and Delegate Key may return to their seats and we will proceed to a consideration of the Committee Recommendation.

Are there any amendments to the Committee Recommendation?

The Chair hears none.

The question arises on the approval of Committee Recommendation GP-4. Does any delegate desire to speak in favor.

Delegate Koger?

DELEGATE KOGER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak in favor of this proposal.

I favor adoption of this Committee Recommendation GP-4 for the protection and education of the citizens of Maryland against harmful and unfair business practices. Civil disorders visited more than eighty U. S. cities last summer, promoting death, destruction, sorrow and confusion. Losses totaled many hundreds of millions of dollars.

In Detroit, forty-one persons died; over 1,000 were injured, 3,000 made homeless, 1,500 businesses looted. In Maryland, and in miniature, Cambridge experienced the same dismal and appalling effects. Why? Why is this? There are many answers.

Some say it is a decline of moral standards and sensibilities — a phase of social order decay; others say population explosion, inferior schools, congestions, unemployment, racial hatred, the hippies and flower children, H. Rap Brown and glue sniffing. I say it is the ugly offspring of poverty and ignorance. Its name is "Economic Exploitation," better known to the poor and lowly as "Broken Promises."

We must do something about the economic exploitation of the poor; the broken promises that are not meant to be kept. The delegates to this Convention do not have to be worried about being exploited. No one takes advantage of us. We know how to take care of ourselves. This recommendation is not intended to protect us. It is only meant for the poor and downtrodden, because there is profit in the poor. In the capitalistic system, dog eat dog; buyer beware; laissez-faire. The poor do not know how to shop, do not know the differ-