

I understand by way of humor that there is a pool going around as to the number of votes by which this will pass or fail. I only say to you ladies and gentlemen, "put your money on the green".

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: Spoken like a true hypocrite.

*(Laughter.)*

Mr. Chairman, I next yield two minutes to Delegate Kirkland, who will explain to Delegate Fox, Prince George's County is not the same as it was in 1938.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kirkland.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Mr. Chairman, certainly I see no justification for the inclusion of such an article in the Constitution, especially if it is on the premise that we are helping the poor. I take this because it seems like a great deal of emphasis was placed on the fact that lotteries bear most heavily on the poor. Let me tell you something, I am a school teacher and I worked at the race tracks. I can guarantee you that many of those poor people found their way to the race tracks. So if we are going to do something for the poor people, I would say we ought to eliminate all gambling because I think this is certainly the case.

On top of this, I hear a lot about bingo. I am quite sure most of you belong to Republican or Democratic clubs. I am quite sure that some of them could not exist if it was not for the 50-50. I venture to say that many of you have played the game 50-50.

The same thing is true about Boys Clubs. I support the Boys Clubs, I support their activities, and many of their money raising activities come from lottery form activities.

So these are many of the reasons why I support the exclusion of such an article.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: I yield four minutes to Delegate Price.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Price.

DELEGATE PRICE: Mr. Chairman, and ladies and gentlemen, I do not want to rise in a tirade here. I believe gambling is much like sex, very powerful, very neutral, neither good nor bad, right nor wrong, de-

pending on how it is used. I think for us to use this means to raise money for the State of Maryland would be using this impulse to further deteriorate, if not to prostitute, society.

I had to rise because I do not want us to reach a conclusion without first considering from where this whole idea comes, this ethic that we have. We have been taught by our ancestors that we should not try to get something for nothing. That if a man wants to get ahead, if a State wants to survive, that the one sure way for that man or the people of that State to get ahead and to survive is by hard work, and for any group anywhere to hold out to anybody the prospects of getting something for nothing, I submit, is immoral in itself. I only refer to the cancer that has already got its tentacles in our society and I think it can very well strangle us.

It concerns me that some people feel that the old adage is true that in every way, every day, things are getting better and better. I look at the history of art and I see art reached its peak in the 15th Century, in the Italian Renaissance. We have great painters today but who can we stand with da'Vinci and Michelangelo? Everything just does not automatically get better, better, and better every day in every way.

We have philosophers today who are not to be deprecated, Bertrand Russell, Jacques Maritain but who can we put beside Aristotle and Socrates and Plato who lived 500 years before Jesus Christ. You see things do not automatically get better and better every day in every way. We have great religious writers today but who can be put against Amos, Hosea, and Jonah who lived 2,700 years ago. The only area in which we have surpassed our forefathers is the area of applied science. We have done very well.

The issue before us today is not to be laughed off the floor. It is to be very seriously considered. I do not believe that every day in every way, things are getting better and better. I think that we might well apply this to the argument before us to put it into the constitution to prevent further erosion of society.

I say this from a point of view of morality because I do not believe in superimposing my morals or my principles upon society. But I say it because it is a sound business thing, I think, to put it into the constitution.

I want to say one thing more.