

turkeys in Garrett which do not exist in Worcester; that soil conditions on the Western Shore are different from those on the Eastern, and therefore, that when the State has in the past acted with regard to natural resources and conservation, it has done so area by area because it necessarily had to do so.

This is not an argument in favor of public local laws. It is merely a recognition that the State varies by geography, by content of species of game, fish and other wildlife, and also the flowers and trees within it and streams and rivers.

I think the committee recommendation is wise in providing that the General Assembly shall provide by law, and this means that the General Assembly could continue to treat these areas as it has, and as I think it desirably has in the past.

As for stating it in the Constitution, I think it is desirable. I can recall myself when as a young boy growing up on the Susquehanna Flats of Maryland we could shoot canvasback ducks, or catch rockfish. We cannot any longer because in the main they are not there any longer. I think there is no more important area other than human resources to be dealt with, and I think it should be dealt with.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

Delegate Chabot?

DELEGATE CHABOT: I would like to ask Delegate Hardwicke a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke is not here.

Delegate Hardwicke, would you yield for a question?

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Your answer to the question posed by Delegate James confused me a bit. Did you mean that under this provision the governor would have constitutional powers that he might otherwise not have, or did you mean simply that he would have an obligation to act, using the constitutional powers that are given to him elsewhere?

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Delegate Chabot I did not intend and this is also in response to Delegate James' question, I did not intend that additional powers be given

to any branch of the government, particularly to the executive. I did intend the executive and the General Assembly would have obligations.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Burgess, for what purpose do you rise?

DELEGATE BURGESS: In opposition to the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Burgess to speak in opposition to the amendment.

DELEGATE BURGESS: I cannot speak strongly enough against this statement of policy in the constitution. I submit to you that there is at the present time a certain policy to the same general effect, and I also submit to you that it has very little actual effect.

We have presently in the area of water pollution such other things the Water Resources Commission and other such devices of the State, which for theoretical purposes are to protect the same things we have been talking about here, that is the clean water in the State, and hopefully the air in the State. We also apply it to such things as the Maryland State Health Department for redress in these matters. In my experience in Prince George's County, we have the problem of dealing with what was referred to, when we were talking about the mass uprising of quiet desperation, by people that own land along the Potomac. In spite of all the lofty ideals recited, those waters are becoming tree-lined sewers, and I use the term advisedly. We tried to oppose some of these things at their inception, but it does not work, I am here to tell you. I would say to you that if we do not look into this problem, if we do not make as strong an admonition in this constitution as we can, we will not need the things we are concerned with here because we will not have people around to be concerned with.

All of this discussion of 1984 may be reality by necessity. We will not have Utopia. We will have a fight to stay alive.

I had the misfortune, or good fortune if you will, to be a vice chairman of a committee of the Federal Bar Association that dealt with mines, minerals and natural resources. Ladies and gentlemen, Harry Taylor's reference to insomina is a good one. When you hear those knowledgeable speakers you realize what a problem this is. We are talking about an element of survival,