

1 begin his enterprise he would get a lottery grant from
2 the Legislature to hold a lottery so he could get stock
3 for his cigar store. It had just gotten out of hand.
4 There was a great deal of skulduggery involved and it
5 came into disrepute.

6 As a result of that, the Legislature, of
7 course, placed into the Constitution the prohibition
8 which we have now. So that the word grant is in there
9 for a purpose. It isn't just a word thrown in without
10 any purpose or without any meaning. The Legislature
11 could at that time have said there shall be no lotteries.
12 There would be no need to put in grant unless they meant
13 something by the word grant. The purpose was to prohibit
14 a lottery grant, not a lottery. It is my contention and
15 it is the contention of some others -- although it is
16 contradicted by a great many others -- that this
17 provision in the Constitution only prohibits the
18 Legislature from making a lottery grant but it does not
19 state that there shall be no lotteries in the State of
20 Maryland.

21 I think this is important to keep in mind