

1 my remarks will be very brief. I worked under Dr. Pullen
2 for nineteen years. I believe I would endorse almost
3 everything he said.

4 THE CHAIRLADY: Mr. Burgess, you are here as
5 a representative of the Maryland State Grange.

6 MR. BURGESS: Right. I would point my
7 direction to this question which was raised about the
8 legislature may provide that land actively devoted to
9 farming, agriculture shall be assessed on the basis of
10 such use and shall not be assessed as subdivided. My
11 guess is that the reason that was put in there is because
12 of a like section of the Constitution in 1851 and 1864.
13 This is just a guess, but my reason is the people in
14 the rural districts would not care to see this dis-
15 turbed. I don't know whether you want me to discuss it,
16 but I think it is implicit and the words below, not to
17 be assessed as if subdivided; there was a tendency on
18 the part of the assessors to assess land because of the
19 largest division of land in developments. So that farm-
20 land was assessed higher and higher on the basis, not of
21 agricultural use, but on developmental uses.