

1 which is what is involved here and the public, local
2 government needs to have a stable, uneroded and tax basis
3 on which to proceed, and I think the public needs to be
4 protected not only with respect to the question of whether
5 the classifications are uniform, but with respect to whether
6 the results are equitable, so far as the burden of tax in
7 relation to --

8 THE CHAIRMAN: How do you feel about the provision
9 in the Maryland Constitution which provides that land being
10 devoted to agricultural use should be assessed for that
11 purpose and not whatever its value might be?

12 MR. BOND: I've got an acre and a half and I've
13 got a garden in half of my acre.

14 MRS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Bond, I don't know -- you've
15 got your acre and a half in Baltimore City. I know how
16 you feel about it. I feel that this is inequitable. I
17 feel that if it's local public policy, and it should be
18 local public policy to provide some kind of benefits to
19 people actually holding open space land for open space
20 purposes or preseving agricultural land for agricultural
21 purposes, I think this is one of the real dilemmas of our