

1 transitional society. I think it is inequitable not to  
2 give them some kind of benefit but it should be open, it  
3 should be expressed in terms of a credit or an abatement  
4 and one should know precisely how much is involved with  
5 respect to various types of property. I don't know what  
6 has happened --

7 THE CHAIRMAN: In other words, you would agree  
8 there should be something for the farmers --

9 MRS. HOFFMAN: As a matter of public policy,  
10 we have to take care of them, but I think the particular  
11 technique we have used is one that lends itself to abuse  
12 and to extension.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Very good.

14 MR. RENNIE: Didn't we pass some State law in  
15 the past couple of years on that, down in Annapolis?

16 THE CHAIRMAN: It was proposed, but not --

17 MRS. HOFFMAN: Tax credits to the elderly only.

18 MR. SACHS: On the farm land, it was proposed.

19 MR. RENNIE: Well, I have a recommendation to  
20 make to the Committee.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Shoot.