

1 religion -- period, and then everybody in the population
2 go their own way with it without any of this flowery
3 language encouraging or discouraging or in any way circum-
4 scribing religious beliefs and practices.

5 PROFESSOR ASPER: There are two things there.
6 I think I tried to indicate, in the comment here I am
7 talking about two things or at least in Maryland you are
8 talking about two things in the last two years anyway. You
9 talked about, first of all, the establishment of religious
10 restrictions of the free exercise of religion on which,
11 in essence, was involved in Schowgurow. Now, we have for
12 the first part of that the basic principle of separation
13 of Church and State, affirmative aid has been pointed up
14 most dramatically. We simply adopted the established
15 clause. It isn't pretty. It could be said better, but
16 this is the language of the Federal Constitution now as
17 incorporated over the years.

18 I am inclined to agree with you personally that
19 perhaps the balance of this isn't necessary at all, but
20 I think for purposes of the Maryland Constitution, in light
21 of the recent history, this time an affirmative statement