

1 fewer than four cases which went to the court by bond
2 attorneys seeking to have the word, debt, defined.

3 Without going into the layman's language, those
4 who are not working in this field can wonder with some
5 degree of justifiable amazement, I think, why this
6 should be the case, but nevertheless it is the case, and
7 it stems from an old precedent called Baltimore versus
8 Gill, in which the Court of Appeals held that the City, in
9 seeking to hypothecate stock, that is to say, pledging
10 stock that it owned to secure the indebtedness of
11 another entity, by pledging its own property, was thereby
12 creating a debt, and therefore that the act of pledging
13 was invalid within Section 34, so ever since that time,
14 whenever we have had a situation in which bonds are to
15 be issued, the question always comes up in bond attorneys'
16 minds as to whether or not you are creating a debt, be-
17 cause if you are creating a debt, then you are creating
18 what is known as a Section 34 debt, and all of the other
19 provisions of Section 34 have to be followed, the principal
20 one being, or the principal ones being first, that you
21 must have a tax which will support that debt, and secondly,