

1 to 1851, the argument being that the Legislature can
2 easily pledge the State's credit so long as it is not
3 concerned with raising taxes now to take care of it or pro-
4 viding in the indebtedness it is going to affect the next
5 State budget. Therefore, the temptation is to be reck-
6 less with the pledge of the State's credit. In the previous
7 Constitutions, the only remedy for this was to absolutely
8 forbid it, so that in the present Constitution, as to
9 both State and with limitations of county and Baltimore
10 City, you simply cannot do it. You cannot lend the credit
11 of the State to any individual, association, or corpora-
12 tion.

13 This draft proposes to remove that limitation
14 and you should have that in mind. This is a definite
15 step to remove the limitation and permit the granting of
16 the credit. The question is whether you want to go the
17 full extent and not have any limitation, or whether you
18 are going to have some limitation, twenty-five years,
19 or some other limitation.

20 MR. CASE: May I make a statement on that?
21 With all due respect to you, at least the Attorney General