

1 does not share this view that you just expressed. It is  
2 true that the present Section 34 says in substance that,  
3 and I will read it again, The credit of the State shall  
4 not in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any  
5 individual, association or corporation, but a great deal  
6 of judicial gloss has been placed on that language by  
7 the courts around the country, and many constitutions  
8 have exactly those same words, and by our own Court of  
9 Appeals in the Frostburg case, which led the Attorney  
10 General to give an official opinion this year that if a  
11 public purpose was served, then the credit of the State  
12 could be lent, this provision in the Constitution to  
13 the contrary notwithstanding, and that opinion is the  
14 opinion that, of course, we challenged in the MIDFA case  
15 and it was that very precise point that the court did  
16 not reach, but as the law stands today, at least if you  
17 want to call the Attorney General's opinions law, it is  
18 that the credit of the State can be given if there is a  
19 public purpose served, and I might say that in the lower  
20 court in that case, Jim Cullen said to us privately that  
21 he would have ruled if called upon to do so that the