

1 and State decisions as a person residing on a Government
2 hospital or somewhere like that is pre-empted from
3 voting in Maryland under the constitution. It is
4 to clear up that point. It is a very important one to
5 a lot of people.

6 MR. SAYRE: If the new constitution does
7 not deny that right -- I can imagine where you preclude
8 on purpose people in mental hospitals or prisons.

9 MR. MILLER: People on the staff at Perry
10 Point have been ineligible to vote since World War I
11 because they occupy quarters supplied by the Federal
12 Government on the grounds. They have to serve on
13 juries, pay state income taxes, not allowed to vote.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sayre's point was, I think,
15 why couldn't this be left to the Legislature? I think
16 the answer is the Committee indicated at the last meeting
17 they thought this was important enough not to leave
18 to the Legislature.

19 MR. MILLER: I think also there was an
20 opinion some years ago of the Attorney General that the
21 Legislature couldn't correct it.