

1 classification, and as I said earlier, it was done be-
2 cause Baltimore City had imposed a tax on securities
3 and most every lawyer in the State apparently knew that
4 the tax was unconstitutional because there was no power
5 in the General Assembly to, they thought there was no
6 power, I will put it that way, I am not saying there
7 was or wasn't, but it was widely thought there was no
8 power to classify. So in 1915 as a result of a number
9 of studies that were made by the Citizens Tax Committee
10 and so on, or a principal study, the Article was amended
11 to provide that the General Assembly could by uniform
12 rules provide for the separate assessment of land and the
13 classification and subclassification of improvements on
14 land and personal property as it may deem proper.

15 It further said, and all taxes thereafter
16 provided to be levied by the State for the support of the
17 general State Government and by the Counties and by the
18 City of Baltimore for their respective purposes shall be
19 uniform as to land within the taxing district and
20 uniform within the class or subclass of improvements on
21 land, and personal property which the respective taxing