

1 received today from Dr. Everstine, that he agreed with  
2 us in terms of our use of the words "date of enactment" --  
3 "to establish by law; to perform or effect; to decree."

4 The wording in the enacting clause in all  
5 laws of the State of Maryland as required by the  
6 Constitution is "Be it enacted by the General Assembly  
7 of Maryland." This also fits in with the meaning given  
8 here to the word "enact" since a bill is not really  
9 legally effective until and unless signed by the Governor.

10 We did not use "effective date" because we  
11 didn't need "effective date." It is our understanding  
12 that a law could be signed, passed by the House, signed  
13 by the Governor and have an effective date some time in  
14 advance. Not the effective date. It was the date as  
15 to which a bill had been passed by the both houses,  
16 signed by the Governor or the time in which a Governor  
17 could veto had expired.

18 DELEGATE MACDONALD: When a bill becomes  
19 law as distinguished from its effective date?

20 DELEGATE KOSS: Right.

21 DELEGATE JAMES: Any other questions for the