

1 This is not a mandate. The Chairman of the
2 Committee himself says that whether there is need for
3 protection is a matter of legislative discretion. If they
4 decide there is no need for discretion he concedes that
5 there will be no need for action.

6 Consequently, by the admission of the Chairman
7 himself, this provision does absolutely nothing.

8 I suggest that we want a Constitution that
9 we will be proud of, that will live through the ages. This
10 is the kind of provision that should be omitted.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

12 DELEGATE SICKLES: Mr. Chairman, I rise in
13 support of this provision.

14 I share the doubts with him here as to the
15 inherent validity, the inherent power of this provision,
16 but I think it would be an overstatement to say that it
17 will have no impact and no effect whatsoever. I think first
18 it would focus attention of the entire State of Maryland,
19 not only as a result of this colloquy today, but in the
20 course of the actual consideration of the document as we go
21 to the people for its ratification, and also it would focus