

1 The Constitutions of 35 other states also con-
2 tain provisions like Maryland's against lotteries.

3 We think it is rather ^{difficult} ~~typical~~ to say that a ban
4 on lotteries is not of constitutional dignity when you
5 realize that 35 other states think so and Maryland has
6 thought so since the 1839 amendment to the 1776 Constitu-
7 tion.

8 I say also to you because of the statement
9 we have made and because of the argument we believe will
10 come from the minority, that organized gambling interests
11 will show, they will expect the legislature to listen to
12 their please that we should grant these lottery oppor-
13 tunities to nice people which we believe will give them
14 the opportunity to muscle in and take over.

15 We know the very ^{serious} ~~simple~~ situation that has
16 developed in some parts of Maryland where slot machines
17 came into effect, and with all the power and prestige
18 of the state of Maryland acting with all of the energy
19 commanded by the Honorary President of this Convention
20 and until recently governor of Maryland, all of this effort
21 was required to phase out what the rest of the state felt