

1 a great deal of what I want to say has already been said
2 here.

3 I would just like to emphasize the fact that
4 while due process and equal protection clauses might
5 be very explicit and their meaning clear to the legal
6 profession, they are neither explicit nor understood by
7 the vast majority of the people whose rights we are con-
8 sidering here.

9 It is absolutely inconceivable to me that we
10 should write a Constitution in 1967 and not give ex-
11 plicit recognition to one of the major problems facing
12 Maryland today.

13 I certainly was one that found that the language
14 of the 1867 Constitution was archaic, but it becomes clear
15 that that document did reflect the major problems of the
16 day and spoke to them; that we do less than that here today
17 would be dishonest and completely unresponsive to the
18 people of this state.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mitchell.

20 DELEGATE MITCHELL: Delegate Bard, one minute.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bard.