

THE CHAIRMAN: You have a half minute.

DELEGATE PRICE: Thank you, sir. Delegate Dukes mentioned he was a farm boy, that he did not have any vices. I am from up in the mountains, originally mountaineers up there, coal miners, things like that, up there where men are men and women are glad of it.

I just have to beg for another thirty seconds, sir, because Delegate Dukes and some others have, if the folks will excuse me, this reference, we talk about writing a Constitution—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Price, your time has expired, unless you are granted additional time.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: I will grant the additional time.

THE CHAIRMAN: How much?

DELEGATE SHERBOW: One minute.

THE CHAIRMAN: Proceed.

DELEGATE PRICE: I have to tell the story because it helps me explain something. Delegate Dukes said he came to write a constitution that will really serve the people, the public. I often wondered what this meant. Not being a farm boy, I do not know.

But one day last week Delegate Dukes invited me to his farm, took my son down. He has fine cattle. He showed us the farm, and they were breeding the cattle. My son walked around the corner, said, Mr. Dukes, what's happening here? Mr. Dukes, very embarrassed, said, well, he is a bull serving the cow. Then I knew, sir, what we are in danger of doing sometimes when we talk about serving the public.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The unexpected sometimes happens in this Committee.

*(Laughter.)*

Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: Mr. Chairman, before I yield further time, I would like to say to Delegate Price I wish to be firmly on record as being in favor of sex. Although my capacity is extremely limited, my enthusiasm is enormous.

*(Laughter.)*

At this date, I know little about girls and know very little about cows either.

At this point, Mr. Chairman, I would like to yield four minutes to Delegate Finch, who represents the CPAs in this Convention. You all remember what great weight they have from the vote for the change of name of the comptroller.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Finch.

DELEGATE FINCH: Mr. Chairman, and fellow delegates, I rise to support the Minority Report to the effect that there should be no provision in the constitution concerning state-operated lotteries. As I understand our role at this Constitutional Convention, we are to propose to the people of Maryland a constitution, which is not a prohibitive or restrictive one but which is flexible. This flexibility is absolutely essential if we are not to bind the hands of the legislature with trying to comply with the future demands of our citizens. One such future demand may be for more sensible control of what is already flourishing in Maryland. Within the past few months, the front pages of our daily newspapers through their broad headlines have informed us that gambling rackets grossing one hundred million dollars a year are now operating in this State. There is general agreement that the most difficult problem confronting law enforcement agencies today is the suppression of organized illegal gambling which far outweighs legal gambling. The national illegal gambling figure has been established at approximately fifty billion dollars a year and it is estimated that two out of every seven Americans are gambling regularly. During the period of the Volstead Act, bootleggers were the treasurers of the underworld. Today their successors are the backers and pay-off men in the illegal gambling industries. Generally speaking, the fight against this type of organized crime has been a losing one because the average bettor is an otherwise law-abiding citizen who does not feel that he is doing anything criminal.

One answer to the problem is to regulate and control gambling much more sensibly than we currently are doing. Our present attitude is akin to that of elephant hunting with a squirrel gun. Racketeers are not changing at all. With only one chance in a hundred of being caught in any given year, their job security and income is excellent. In the 1920's we had the Volstead Act. It was an unenforceable statute which provided bootleggers with funds to finance a criminal empire. That mistake was corrected through legislation.

Quickly the underworld took advantage of another society weakness, the urge to