

1 legislature has seen fit to give jury trials, under certain
2 circumstances, where they would not otherwise exist. The
3 legislature, on the other hand, has not seen fit to grant
4 jury trials in domestic cases. A number of States provide
5 that you can have a jury to determine whether you left your
6 wife or she left you. Maryland does not.

7 MR. SCANLAN: Am I wrong, is there any implication
8 in the Committee's language that the equal protection of
9 trial by jury in civil proceedings would now be broader?
10 For instance, it flatly says every person shall have the
11 right of trial by jury in issues of fact in civil pro-
12 ceedings.

13 Suppose the General Assembly -- I suppose they
14 wouldn't have to amend this, but in a hypothetical case,
15 amended the Blue Sky law and provided, in addition to the
16 penalties for Blue Sky, the right of a purchaser to sue
17 for damages against those who misrepresented in connection
18 with the sale of securities.

19 Now, that certainly is a civil proceeding. True,
20 it is a new one, maybe, but it's a civil proceeding. Could
21 the claim be made, under the plain language of this