

1 branches of State Government.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire
3 to speak in opposition to the amendment?

4 Delegate Clagett.

5 DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I am not one
6 of the so-called experts in this field, nor do I pretend
7 to be so by inference or by reason of having been chairman
8 of any of the committees, three or otherwise.

9 However, what is really apparent here insofar
10 as a layman's reaction is that by the proposal of the
11 committee we have a clearcut budgetary system. We have
12 an executive officer who is responsible for drawing up
13 that initial budget for the purpose of carrying out a
14 program on the basis of which he has been elected.

15 Then we have a review of that budget with cer-
16 tain powers provided by way of increase where dealing
17 with the legislative or judicial branches, and insofar
18 as reducing or striking any items, except those
19 clearly spelled out which can not be subjected to such
20 striking or reducing.

21 When we permit the legislature to enter the