

1 they have been making.

2 We had last week at the moment at which we are
3 now engaged in this debate schedule a great debate about
4 strengthening the executive branch of the government of
5 Maryland. One of the great arguments that was used with
6 respect to the fiscal affairs which were under discussion
7 then was that the fiscal control and fiscal responsibility
8 for the affairs of the State ought to be vested in the
9 executive branch in the governor.

10 I find it strange that some of the sponsors
11 of that same proposal last week would now reverse their
12 position. Two weeks before in the discussion of the
13 Article on the Legislative Branch it was reported to the
14 floor that this subject had been discussed at some length
15 in the deliberations of the committee.

16 At that time the majority of the committee
17 believed that the principal manner in which the legislative
18 branch's control over fiscal affairs could be strengthened
19 was by placing a post-audit function in the legislative
20 branch.

21 The specific question with respect to legislative