

1 empowered to decrease the budget.

2 If the people who argue for the sanctity of the
3 executive budget beyond the realm of the legislature
4 to act were to be wholly consistent, they would remove from
5 the legislature the power to decrease that budget.

6 We are at the threshold of an age of tremendous
7 programs in the State of Maryland which the General Assembly
8 will need to be responsible for. It is up to them to indi-
9 cate where these programs shall take place, and where the
10 emphasis shall be put, and they can do this as elected
11 representatives of the people, working with the governor
12 within the balanced budget.

13 I see nothing dangerous in this proposal.
14 I do think it is time we took a step forward from 1916.
15 I am sure what we proposed then was revolutionary and
16 different. This may be slightly different, but it is
17 certainly not revolutionary when you consider the number
18 of States in this nation of ours which now operate under
19 similar propositions.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire
21 to speak in opposition?