

ecutive Branch establishing a comptroller, and at that time we will again be faced with the issue. I do not think we should face the issue now as we did yesterday, and then face it again later today.

We should defeat the motion to reconsider and then reconsider the question of the comptroller when we have language on the floor that we can look at.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the motion to reconsider?

*(There was no response.)*

Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: In reply to my good friend from Montgomery County, let me say that in this world today when democracy is disappearing from the face of the earth, that the greatest bulwarks of democracy in this nation are the state constitutions as they now exist, and I will say further, if he will read the writings of Hamilton he will find that Hamilton wanted to wipe out the boundaries of states, and Jefferson was the champion of their sovereign rights.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor?

Delegate Fornos.

DELEGATE FORNOS: One parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE FORNOS: If we now vote to reconsider and dispose of reports as was originally stated in the manner it was, there would be no office of—

THE CHAIRMAN: You will have to state your inquiry again.

DELEGATE FORNOS: If we reconsider and return our votes to the original language of the committee report will we then not be open to other amendments this afternoon on that subject?

THE CHAIRMAN: That is correct. So there will be no misunderstanding—if the present motion is carried, so that we reconsider the two votes, we are then back to a consideration of Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation No. 2.

Delegate Ulrich.

DELEGATE ULRICH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to report to the ladies and

gentlemen of this Convention that at 7:30 this morning I received a call from the comptroller, and I would like everyone in this room to know that I object to such pressures being put on a delegate.

I was not asked about my vote, but I was told that he would like to explain the workings of his office, which I listened to in the debate on this floor. I did not need to be told again, and I object to such pressures on a delegate to this Convention.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: There have been a number of phone calls made by various people, which I think have been most unfortunate.

Most of the calls have been made by some of those who do not understand what the comptroller does and do not understand what our attorney general does, and yet have been trying to ram what they call "reform" down the throats of the State of Maryland.

When the people understand this—unfortunately, some of you delegates have just moved into Maryland lately and do not understand it—*(laughter and applause)*—but I suggest to you that the less we say about phone calls the better, because if you start talking about phone calls I am going to start talking about phone calls, and some of them have not been nice.

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does Delegate Scanlan rise?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Reluctantly to speak in favor of the motion, and more reluctantly, to say this: All the arguments pro and con have been made very well. Unfortunately I think I speak for a lot of delegates in this room when I say in all candour that the debates in the last day and a half have all degenerated. We have heard about Hamilton and Jefferson, we have heard about crime in Washington, and crime in Maryland—slot machines in Anne Arundel, and mysterious phone calls.

Whatever we do, let us stop the debate which has degenerated from a debate that up to now, has been of a high-quality, worthy of any Constitutional Convention.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

Ring the quorum bell.