

Answer: Yes—particularly on budget proposals. He occasionally makes proposals that the Board has not approved. Proposal of a few years ago for reorganization of Planning Commission is an example.

Question: How does the Governor's relationship with the Department of Mental Hygiene, having an advisory board, compare with major departments headed by boards?

Answer: Much the same. Department directors, being full-time employees, have extensive influence with the Boards that govern their Departments. Thus governing Boards are not, in practice, much different from advisory Boards.

Question: What considerations are most important in selecting board members? By whom is the preliminary screening of potential appointees done?

Answer: Integrity, desire to serve the public, interest in the functions of the particular department. The present Governor, because of his wide acquaintance with the available men and women seldom needs any special screening of Board appointees.

ADDRESS, DEDICATION OF NEW STATE OFFICE BUILDING BALTIMORE

November 12, 1959

It is a happy moment of my life to be here to dedicate this handsome new office building to the service of the people of Maryland. From the very earliest times, Marylanders have displayed a lively interest in the beauty of the private and public buildings they erect. Our countryside is dotted with architectural gems, some of them ancient, some of them not so old. Our old State House in Annapolis is one of the architectural glories of the country. It is gratifying to observe that one of our finest traditions has been preserved in this new building which rises so gracefully over this charming old city.

I am proud to have been able to play a small part in the planning and execution of so splendid a project. I naturally am honored at being the first Governor to occupy the new building. The State of Maryland has achieved two important objectives in the construction of this office-building center, which is comprised of this main building, the State Roads Commission building across the way and the new build-