

stitute one of the said departments [meaning those enumerated above] are placed in the said departments as hereinafter provided; and every State office, board, commission or other governmental agency created during this or any subsequent session of the General Assembly [and as the incumbent Governor I certainly quarrel a little bit with the enacting General Assembly, which apparently originally was in 1922, trying to control future General Assemblies] shall be placed in one of said departments. Each of the said departments shall be constituted and shall have and exercise the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions hereinafter provided. Any officers, boards or commissions not referred to in this article shall not be affected hereby.

You see that there is an attempt to group all agencies within this structure, which to me takes a measure of flexibility away from the executive branch. I think that the greatest flexibility in the organization of the executive branch should remain with the Governor subject, of course, to the control of the legislature. I don't quarrel with the idea that the legislature should set forth broad categories of service, such as transportation or natural resources or safety, or whatever the case may be. But when they try to designate the actual names of the groupings to go together, I think they are sort of hamstringing what should be a very malleable situation, flexible to meet the needs of the present day.

Another section of Article 41 which was enacted as far back as 1888 purports to set up a cabinet for the Governor. Now again, I don't quarrel with the legislative branch having control over the very broad checks and balances that are necessary to keep the executive branch in line, but it seems to me if we have two hundred and forty agencies of the state government, which we do have at the present time, it's much better for the Governor to decide, based on modern day conditions, which agencies are going to comprise the cabinet, instead of having them set forth by statute. Now these are the ones that they listed, and some of them, of course, would have to be included, others may not: the State Comptroller, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General, the Chairman of the State Board of Education, the President of the State Board of Agriculture and the University of Maryland, the Director of Correction, the Director of Public Welfare, the Director of Health, the Director of Public Works, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, the Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources, and the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration. And it may well be that each one of