

money, but we have an obligation to get as much of it as we can to get our programs done. Now this office of national affairs is being expanded, and was contemplated to expand into providing a Washington suburban office of the Governor, since Montgomery and Prince George's counties now have probably as high as 27%-28% of our population. It's very important that those people have direct executive contacts.

Now these new staffing positions, that I've just told you about, came about not so much through my original thinking as through the wonderful work of the Curlett Commission which Governor Tawes appointed in recognition of the tremendous difficulties of administering these 240 separate agencies of the government. We have just begun to implement these recommendations of the Curlett Commission; and ladies and gentlemen I strongly commend to you a very diligent study of that report, which is one that is very thoughtfully prepared and will be of immense value to you in seeing what the needs are of the executive branch of government.

Out of the Curlett Commission report one brand new thing came: the program executive method of administering the executive branch, and this has been very successful for us. We have designated six program executives. These have been created as an immediate means of improving communications between the Governor and the 240 agency heads. Each program executive is assigned certain agencies to supervise and to reflect the desires and the philosophy of the Governor in frequent meetings with the heads of these agencies. Obviously, the Governor can't meet with the agency heads as frequently as he should. And it has been very helpful to have the program executives, such as Bob Lally in the field of public safety and Gil Ware in the field of human relations and related fields. The agency break-downs by the program executives work basically as follows. We have Mel Cole, former assistant superintendent in Baltimore County, who has the education assignment, and this is so formidable that it is all that Mel has. That's probably enough to keep him busy forever. The next area is health, welfare, mental hygiene, economic opportunity and human relations; Dr. Gilbert Ware has that area. Economic development, commerce, labor, administrative and employer relations; Ormsby Moore has that area. Planning, urban affairs and natural resources -- there are many, many agencies that fall under those three broad heads, and they're the responsibility of Vladimer Wahbe. Transportation -- fantastically large area -- is under the supervision of Russell McCain. And last, law enforcement and public safety and correction,