

1 is by a body that can do something about it. There have
2 been any number of commissions here in Maryland which
3 have studied reorganization of various branches of the
4 government and have come up with some very laudatory
5 reports.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: You have used five of your
7 ten minutes, Delegate Needle.

8 DELEGATE NEEDLE: But those reports to a
9 large extent have been filed away and little has been
10 done about them.

11 In addition to that, I submit this is a
12 piecemeal manner in which to study the structure of our
13 government.

14 Some of you may ask what about the cost to this
15 state of calling of a convention? I submit that regard-
16 less of what that cost may be, and it is relatively
17 small, it is a small price to pay.

18 To get down to specifics. GP-8 only permits
19 the General Assembly to call a Constitutional Convention.
20 I can't understand why the Governor or the people by
21 petition should not also have the right to call a Constitu-