

1 that we are recognizing the general worth of the
2 principle, but we are not saying that it is one which has
3 to be strictly observed.

4 That is the vice in this proposal which I see,
5 and I urge you to vote against it. It will lead to nothing
6 but trouble.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire
8 to speak in favor of the amendment?

9 Delegate Singer.

10 DELEGATE SINGER: Mr. Chairman, and fellow
11 delegates, the historical perspective is that the separation
12 of powers has never been construed to be a separate and
13 distinct separation of governmental power.

14 There has always been in the history of this
15 country a blending and merging of powers so that there
16 have been, ever since we have had this principle, examples
17 existing in which one branch of government exercised the
18 powers of one or both of the other branches of government.

19 We have had a provision similar to this in all of
20 the state constitutions of Maryland from 1776. In the
21 beginning it read that the legislative, executive and judicial