

1 to sustain the increase. It is fiscally and politically
2 responsible.

3 THE PRESIDENT: Chairman Sherbow.

4 DELEGATE SHERBOW: I am happy to say I can agree
5 with Delegate Hanson, and that is probably this is one of
6 the most important matters that will come before this
7 Constitutional Convention. After that I disagree completely.

8 Let me tell you what I consider this amendment as
9 doing. It absolutely flies in the teeth of everything that
10 has meant fiscal responsibility for the State of Maryland.

11 Now, let me call the roll of all those who urge
12 you to vote against this amendment. First, I hold in my
13 hand a letter from Governor Agnew in which he says "I
14 disagree with their proposal to give the legislature
15 authority to increase appropriations and shift amounts
16 between programs which the executive is charged with
17 formulating, and executing. This can only lead to increased
18 pressures on the legislature from department heads who have
19 not been granted funds in the full amount requested, and to
20 log-rolling at its worst among individual legislators."

21 Governor Agnew goes on: I can't take the time