

1 now to read the full letter, we don't have that much time.
2 Let me call the next roll. The legislative leaders,
3 the people who would have this opportunity. What do they
4 say?

5 I hold in my hands a letter from the Senator who
6 is Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee in which he
7 says:

8 "The Legislative Liaison Committee for the
9 Constitutional Convention has considered both the present
10 system and the proposal to amend the budget power of the
11 General Assembly. The committee has gone on record as
12 being overwhelmingly in favor of retaining the present
13 system as proving to be fiscally sound, and in the best
14 interests of the people of Maryland."

15 They voted 9 to 2 to keep what we have, these
16 legislative leaders who know.

17 The Commission on Governmental Efficiency and
18 Economy, non-party people who have no axe to grind. They
19 say keep it as you have it. I have this letter. I think it
20 has been addressed to all of you as well.

21 Governor Tawes, sitting next to me, takes the