

1 department and begins its examination to find out whether
2 or not the expenditures have really been what the records
3 say they are.

4 This is a proper function of the Legislative
5 Department.

6 The first question that arises is this. If it is
7 a proper function of the General Assembly, why do we have
8 to put this into the Constitution? The Constitution, of
9 course, is not only a matter of restrictions, it is a
10 document dealing with mandates, that which you must do.
11 We believe that this is an item which should be mandated
12 in the Constitution to require the General Assembly to
13 act. True, they could act without any prodding from the
14 Constitutional Convention. The sole purpose of this
15 short, succinct article is to make it clear that they are
16 required to act.

17 It just so happens that the present General
18 Assembly has been making a study of this very same
19 subject, has been making it before this Convention
20 convened. It is a study in depth dealing not only with
21 the subject of state audit but dealing also with the manner
and method by which the General Assembly shall examine