

1 The citizens of Maryland are entitled to know the quality
2 as well as the quantity of her expenditures. The audit
3 encouched in Maryland's new Constitution makes possible
4 legislative scrutiny and the ideal system of checks and
5 balances. While at the same time, it maintains a distinct
6 separation of governmental powers.

7 Finally in the years to come, future genera-
8 tions will treasure their opportunity to know if money
9 appropriated is spent as intended, if the state gets the
10 best goods and services for its money, if all state
11 departments follow good accounting systems, if there are
12 areas of waste rather than economy, and if there is a need
13 for greater efficiency.

14 We thank you for this opportunity afforded us
15 to support this recommendation. We sincerely hope you
16 will find it possible to adopt it. Thank you.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion.
18 Delegate Adkins.

19 DELEGATE ADKINS: I should like to ask the
20 Chairman of the Committee for assurance that the term
21 post-audit is a sufficiently specific word of art so that