

1 dollars and not a billion. We have a strong executive
2 system. The Mayor of Baltimore controls the Board
3 of Public Works and I approve of the control of the
4 Board of Public Works by the governor of Maryland,
5 but don't let that elected official, one or two of them,
6 ever get out of this place where they can say "Nay,
7 Governor, Nay, Mr. Mayor, don't you do that."

8 If any person in Baltimore City suggested
9 amending our Constitution which is called a charter
10 and eliminating the Board of Public Works he couldn't get
11 a corporal's darn of votes to sustain any such
12 position, because whether you like the people who
13 complain and holler and scream in your favor and mine
14 as a citizen and believe me there are times when they
15 can be trying on one's patience, let me say to you it is
16 good to have them there.

17 Let me cite an example, right in this very
18 building that we sit in in this solemn conclave, the
19 Department of Public Works of this state recommended a
20 purchase of a piece of property for one million, 200
21 thousand dollars. But when it reached the public, the