

1 a check on an inept or corrupt governor, that the  
2 legislature has committed to the Board many, many functions.

3 The statutes providing for these functions  
4 were distributed to us on the committee and possibly to  
5 every delegate and they comprise 33 pages of statutes  
6 setting forth the powers and the duties of the Board of  
7 Public Works.

8 Mr. Chairman, former governor Tawes told us  
9 on the Committee on the Executive Branch that Maryland  
10 already has one of the strongest governors in the nation,  
11 so we don't have a situation where it is necessary to  
12 bolster a heretofore weak governor. We have heard  
13 many times in the public press and here today on the floor  
14 at times that the Board of Public Works constitutes a  
15 hobble on the ankles of the governor.

16 No one has pointed out any specific instance  
17 where the governor has been hampered in doing what the  
18 law provides as governor. The function of the Board  
19 of Public Works is to see to it that the law is  
20 carried out with respect to state expenditures, state  
21 purchases and things of that nature.