

1 however, feel quite confident that this Convention will,
2 in its mature judgment, approach this question as it has
3 all others heretofore presented, and will judge it in
4 terms of what is best for the long range governance of this
5 State.

6 We are recommending to you that a long-time
7 elected office in the Constitution shall be eliminated as
8 a constitutional office, and we do so for reasons which
9 through thought and testimony we consider completely
10 valid reasons. I ask you to consider with me for a few
11 moments what those reasons are.

12 I do not need to tell this sophisticated and
13 distinguished group what the duties of the Comptroller are.
14 They are set forth currently in the Majority Report. They
15 are set forth in the Report of the Commission. All of you
16 have had sufficient experience with the government of
17 Maryland to know in essence that the functions of the Comp-
18 troller basically are to be the fiscal manager of the
19 State.

20 We are thus faced with a situation where we
21 have an Executive Department, one of the most, if not the