

1 academic group, but a group of leaders in the field of  
2 State, local and national government.

3 We heard such testimony from the National  
4 Municipal League from independent individuals, such as  
5 James Rennie, former Budget, and for many years the Budget  
6 Director of the State of Maryland.

7 Without exception, people with independence who  
8 testified before us and who were not involved in the  
9 political climate of Maryland, testified that throughout  
10 the country, the need was for an Executive Department  
11 headed by one or at the most two elected officials.

12 Had you heard this testimony, I think you, too,  
13 would have concluded that an objective assessment of it  
14 necessarily forced the conclusion that an Executive Depart-  
15 ment headed by more than one man is not in effect an effec-  
16 tive department for the coming years ahead.

17 I suggest to you that this Convention has  
18 already reached the Rubicon in this field, and has crossed  
19 it. We have elected here over the last weeks to construct  
20 a strong, virile Judicial Department; perhaps the strongest  
21 of any State in the country. We have elected here to