

1 construct a strong, virile Legislative Department, perhaps
2 as strong as any in the country. We have increased their
3 powers substantially.

4 I say to you, if we now back away from the con-
5 struction of a strong Executive, the only thing we will
6 have done, we will have constructed a three-legged stool,
7 only two legs of which are of the same length.

8 Those decisions are behind us. This decision
9 is in front of us.

10 If we believe what people who are students of
11 this field tell us, we must believe that a strong Executive
12 is necessary.

13 Three chief arguments are advanced by the
14 Minority in their Report for the continuance of the status
15 quo. First, they talk about the elected Comptroller being
16 a watchdog for the Governor. There is some apparent inherent
17 belief that Maryland will for the future have corrupt high
18 public officials; that ^{it} is necessary in order to protect
19 against this to provide somebody who can look over his
20 shoulder and see that he is constantly kept up to the mark.
21 They concede that all of Maryland's governors of the