

1 envision the attorney general having, he should be appointed.  
2 It may be possible once we get to specific language to  
3 develop an office of attorney general which we would  
4 all agree ought to be an elected office.

5 Based on the majority and minority reports to  
6 this Convention, I must conclude on the basis of the  
7 evidence before us at the present time that the attorney  
8 general should be an appointed office. The argument is  
9 made by the proponents of the election that an elected  
10 attorney general would be much more independent.  
11 In some cases this is perhaps true, but in other cases I  
12 think it is quite not likely to be the case.

13 Independent of what? Independent of whom?  
14 This is the essential argument.

15 The statement that a person is independent is  
16 not something that hangs out in space by itself. It is  
17 of what he is independent that becomes the matter of  
18 greatest importance.

19 Attorneys general, as I understand the process  
20 of politics in Maryland, do not run independently of other  
21 officers of the State; thus they are not independent of a