

1 There is a serious danger in reducing the scope
2 of participation by the people in their government.
3 Our actions here at the Convention should reflect our
4 deep concern for those responsible for our being here.
5 When we take away the privilege of voting for a high office
6 like that of attorney general, we are destroying the right
7 of the people.

8 This is a very important issue to the taxpaying
9 voters of Maryland. I strongly feel the interest of the
10 present and future generations of Marylanders will be better
11 served by a constitutionally elected attorney general.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

13 DELEGATE MASON: Mr. Chairman, I yield two
14 minutes to Delegate Sybert.

15 DELEGATE SYBERT: Mr. Chairman, Fellow Delegates:

16 I had the honor and the pleasure of serving six
17 years as Attorney General of Maryland. I feel that
18 some of the speakers here today have misconceived the func-
19 tion of the Attorney General. The Attorney General is not
20 the lawyer for the governor or for the departments of
21 State government, or the legislature, as such.