

1 last, he proclaimed the philosophy of Hamilton. I say if
2 this majority report is adopted, it will be the crowning
3 apex of the destruction of Jeffersonian democratic govern-
4 ment, which has existed during the last 100 years under
5 the old Constitution.

6 The wisdom and the experience of the past 100
7 years refutes the Hamiltonian principle that the electorate
8 is not to be trusted. Just to mention a few of the great
9 men who have occupied the office of the attorney general-
10 ship in this State, I will name Albert C. Ritchie, Herbert
11 R. O'Connor, William Preston Lane, and the Chief Judge of
12 the Court of Appeals in Maryland, Hall Hammond -- and not
13 to overlook our associate here, Judge Ferdinand Sybert,
14 who has retired from the appellate court.

15 I say, Mr. President, that the history of this
16 nation demonstrates that the electorate of Maryland can
17 still be trusted with the election of candidates to this
18 high office, and I hope that the amendment will prevail.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to
20 speak in opposition to the amendment, in favor of the
21 committee recommendation?