

1 a criminal case, the attorney general would have the
2 authority there and not the State's attorney, although they
3 are both elected. But if it is a question of policy on
4 whether a test case should be made, I would think the
5 governor rather than the attorney general would have the
6 final say on that.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Finch.

8 DELEGATE FINCH: Mr. Chairman and Members of
9 the Convention:

10 I rise to support our minority report and to
11 urge this committee to continue the office of attorney
12 general. A little over 100 years ago a group of Marylanders,
13 not too dissimilar from ourselves, framed a Constitution
14 which created the constitutionally elected office of
15 attorney general, an office to be filled by a qualified
16 citizen chosen by and directly responsible to the people
17 of our State.

18 This office has endured ever since. It has served
19 our people diligently and well, and I believe that
20 its preservation is vitally necessary to the maintenance
21 of orderly, stable, honest and efficient government in