

1 broad judicial function, such an office should be estab-
2 lished to operate free of the policy making controls of the
3 executive.

4 In previous debates in the committee of the
5 Whole, a number of us responded to the phrase "high visi-
6 bility." I call today, fellow delegates, for the highest
7 possible visibility in the operations of sensitive legal
8 matters, visibility which can only be increased by the
9 election of an independent legal officer, responsible to
10 each and every citizen.

11 In previous actions this month, the Committee
12 of the Whole took the people out of the judicial system;
13 decreased the number and diminished the size of legislative
14 districts and disposed of a substantial number of Constitu-
15 tional offices which had been popularly elected. Where
16 and when, fellow delegates, do we stop telling the people
17 of this State that they are not qualified to choose their
18 leaders?

19 No evidence has been presented to our committee
20 that the attorney general has not served our State with
21 distinction, representing the people honestly and fairly.