

1 Gentlemen of the Convention:

2 Besides the quasi-judicial aspect of this mat-
3 ter, there is an all-important matter that I would
4 like to consider. I would like to make an analogy in this
5 issue between the attorney general's office, which is
6 elective, and the City Solicitor's office in Baltimore, which
7 is appointive. I have had some experience in both depart-
8 ments, having served six years as an assistant city soli-
9 citor in Baltimore City, and two years as special assistant
10 Attorney General.

11 The attorney general now appoints his deputies,
12 all of his assistants, his special assistants, and they are
13 subject to the hiring and firing of the attorney general.
14 They are not subject to any executive control, and he gets
15 the most competent men of his choosing, not politically
16 mandated assistants.

17 Now, the City Solicitor of Baltimore City
18 is appointed by the administration. All of his assistants
19 are appointed by the Attorney General; his deputy is
20 appointed by the administration, and he has what is known
21 as a politically dominated solicitor's office.