

1 DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, I rise to
2 speak in favor of the amendment. I speak not as a lawyer,
3 but as one who has probably taken more advice from the
4 attorney general's office than any individual in this room,
5 and I consider it to be the finest advice in that the
6 attorney general's office represents the best in the tradi-
7 tion of State government.

8 I grew up in the State where the attorney genera
9 was called the Commonwealth Attorney. Here he is called
10 the State's Attorney. He is the attorney who represents
11 the people, not any one individual.

12 I read yesterday a statement stating
13 to the effect that the attorney general and the comptroller
14 should be the governor's men. The attorney general must
15 represent all of us. He must represent the department
16 even at times involving conflict with the government.

17 I have received opinions which said they were
18 not -- they were not the ones that I wanted, but I respecte
19 them. I believe we must have an independent individual in
20 that office.

21 One final opinion: Anyone who is appointed by