

1 and extremely successful practice. I therefore, Mr. Presi-
2 dent, will support the amendment before us. I sincerely
3 hope that we will continue to have an attorney general elect
4 by the people, responsible to the people, who will serve the
5 and every branch of the government with complete indepen-
6 dence.

7 Thank you.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clagett.

9 DELEGATE CLAGETT: I rise to make no criticism
10 of the attorney general's office. I believe it has func-
11 tioned well over the many, many years. I rise only to voice
12 criticism to this assembly to perpetuate an office where
13 there is so much builtin conflict of interest.

14 We are here now debating the strengthening of
15 the executive office. We are debating wehther or not he
16 should have a legal officer loyal and independent insofar
17 as providing him with the best and most competent legal
18 advice. Yet, at the same time we would say that this same
19 officer shall also be called upon and required to give
20 advice to the General Assembly at times when conflict and
21 controversy exist between the two branches of the government