

1 Section 4.22 is a companion piece to Section
2 4.21. It guarantees to the governor the power to remove
3 single executives serving as heads of principal departments
4 and chief administrative officers. The committee feels
5 that this removal power is essential if these officials
6 are in fact going to be responsive to the governor. In
7 other words, these appointees serve at the pleasure of
8 the governor.

9 While recognizing that there is some danger that
10 the governor may abuse this power, the committee feels that
11 there are sufficient safeguards.

12 First, there is the Maryland tradition against
13 the wholesale removal of department heads. Second, there
14 are the requirements of Section 4.21 which require that
15 any replacement that the governor proposes must be confirmed
16 by the Senate and have those occupational qualifications
17 required by law.

18 The committee recognizes that the need for con-
19 tinuity is one justification for policy making boards and
20 commissions. Therefore, this section merely provides
21 that the terms of office of such board members shall be