

to take away from the people of this State the right to elect these officials. They cannot understand because it has been going on in Maryland for years and years and certainly the Board has performed well.

We came down here to re-write the constitution and most of it that I have voted for so far is pretty good, but I cannot understand why you want to take these legislative offices away from people. Now, what are they going to say? You fellows went down there and you took this away from us and you took that away from us. Is that democracy?

I know you can use all kinds of reasons why you do not want them but those reasons are sometimes very suspicious. I hold no brief for the individuals involved in those offices, but I do say that the people of Maryland have had good government and you can look at it. Now, give it to somebody with individual power and let him wreck it and then where will you be?

THE CHAIRMAN: You have one-half minute, Delegate Bushong.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: It only takes one man to do it if you give him enough power.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Mr. President, I will extend the time two more minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well, Delegate Bushong has two additional minutes.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: I feel that in the history of the Board of Public Works it has performed well. If you increase the governor's representation by two, certainly the ugly head of politics cannot play the game because he is going to have three out of five.

Now, explain to me if that is the case, why in the world do you want to do away with the Board of Public Works? There is big money that is appropriated for the legislature for expenditures later on in the year and who oversees that expenditure? The Board of Public Works.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, bring out the new constitution, but I warn you here and now, if you keep taking the elected powers away from the people, it will not pass.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, I owe five minutes to Delegate Sickles.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Mr. Chairman, I listened with great interest when you addressed this body on September 12 and it seemed to me that you painted the picture rather clearly as far as the State of Maryland is concerned and really as far as many of the states in this union are concerned.

I think there were some disagreements with the language that you used, but I do not think anybody really disagreed with the point you were trying to make. There are many in this country and I am one of them who really feels that democracy is still at stake and I think those who speak the loudest with respect to taking away from the people their right to elect a particular candidate ought to think about what they are doing, because I do not think that they really understand what they are doing for themselves.

The reason we are here is because the people have decided that we ought to put the State back in business and I can tell you that the people of the country feel that this is true not just with respect to this State but with respect to all of the states.

When I was in the Congress of the United States we ended up concerning ourselves with many problems that should be considered by the states and local communities but they were not. And we were in that position where the buck had to stop and that is why we entered into these programs.

Why do you think we have a poverty program on the national level? It is because the states failed to minister to these programs. Why do we have national programs for air pollution and water pollution, and poverty and all the problems that affect the urban centers? It is because the states have failed to act and the reason why they have failed to act is because they are not properly constructed to act.

Now, I will go along with a legislature that might fumble, that has some built-in checks or balances, so that everybody has a look before a policy is adopted. However, once a policy is adopted, I think the people have a right to expect that it will be carried out. And that is what this is all about. That is why we are talking about the single executive, the person to whom we can look to carry out these programs, the person we can blame if they do not get carried out.

I am for visibility but not to the extent of putting chains on the hands of the chief