

THE CHAIRMAN: I am afraid your time has become expired. You have too little time even for a question to be stated.

DELEGATE MAURER: I apologize.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Raley.

DELEGATE RALEY: I want to direct a question to Chairman Morgan.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate want to speak in favor of the amendment against the Committee Report? Delegate Child.

DELEGATE CHILD: Mr. Chairman, I come from a small county and Delegate Grant and myself are not supposed to be listened to very much, but we would like to give you our views just the same.

It seems to me that the people who created this Board of Public Works did a pretty good job. First the people elected a governor so that the governor as one member of that Board is directly responsible to the people.

Secondly, the people elected the legislature and the legislature in turn elects a treasurer and the treasurer is indirectly responsible to the people.

Thirdly, the comptroller is elected directly by the people and directly responsible to the people so that you have three people composing this Board who are directly or indirectly responsible to the people.

The system has worked. The Board of Public Works has worked. There has been little or no criticism in my time against the Board of Public Works and the question I ask is: If we have something that has worked for a hundred years, why change it for something that we know naught of?

Now, another thing from the small town—we have taken away our representatives in the legislature; perhaps we will have to travel seventy-five miles to find out who our delegate is, but we would like the privilege of electing a comptroller.

You have taken away a lot of our money in taxes and every time that the legislature meets, they take away a little bit more, so we would like to be able to vote for the man who collects that money and go to see him if we get anything wrong with our tax return.

I am for this amendment. I am for the Board of Public Works.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan, do you yield to a question from Delegate Storm?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I do.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Chairman Morgan, was it not true that the Committee on the Executive Branch was originally divided 10 to 10 and one changed in order to make you able to have the Majority and Minority Reports?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: One did change.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: One other question. The lady from Montgomery County said with the managerial revolution, we had to have our state function as an efficient and vast business enterprise.

Is it not true that some of the majority feel that the state of Maryland should be run for the benefit of stockholders as they term the voters, and that business practices in management should be followed to the extent that the head of the corporation would have unbridled power. Was this the philosophy of some of the majority?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: I would suggest that the head of a corporation has a lot more power than the governor of Maryland does at the present time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Is it not true that if we do away with the Board of Public Works, and enable the governor to make decisions of a legislative character and sell property of the state and execute leases, he will then be more like a corporation executive and he will be very efficient but not a governor?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Both you and Delegate Sherbow, I submit, are laboring under a misapprehension.

I specifically said in the presentation of the Committee Report, that the Committee was not recommending that the Board of Public Works be abolished. All we were doing was recommending that it not be established in the constitution.

Delegate Sherbow said that if the legislature tried to mess around with the Board