

Delegate Bard has asked me to call your attention to the fact that he has a young niece and nephew, Kitty and Cain Bard in the gallery observing his actions today.

(Applause.)

Are there any motions or resolutions?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of the orders of the day.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

(The motion was seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 10:20 A.M. the Convention resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.)

(The mace was removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOVEMBER 28, 1967—10:20 A.M.
PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING**

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee will please come to order. We will resume debate on EB-1.

We now have under consideration Recommendation No. 2. There is a motion before us to amend Recommendation No. 2 to strike the word "not" in line 18. There is twenty minutes of controlled debate, controlled by Delegate Sybert, twenty minutes controlled by Delegate Morgan and twenty minutes of uncontrolled but limited debate.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Sybert.

DELEGATE SYBERT: Mr. Chairman, I yield three minutes to Delegate Buzzell.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Buzzell.

DELEGATE BUZZELL: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates: I believe that the issue before us has been already adequately presented by the distinguished and able Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Executive Branch and the other speakers in support of the report of the majority of the Committee, and also the position of the minority has been presented with equal clarity by Delegate Sybert.

I certainly have no desire to extend this debate. I know only that as a member of the Committee on the Executive Branch, I listened to the same testimony, participated in the same discussion of the Committee and yet reached exactly the opposite conclusion as did nine other members of that Committee. Finally eight other members of the Committee, and I reached the conclusion that the general management of the fiscal affairs of the State can best be performed by this constitutionally elected comptroller directly responsible to the electorate. I shall, therefore, vote in support of the motion of the minority portion of this Committee, but I shall vote for this amendment also for another possibly more important reason.

I know that the people whom I was elected to represent in this Convention are strongly opposed to the elimination of the constitutional office of comptroller as an elective executive.

In recognition of their wishes, I shall vote in favor of the motion. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee is in control of the time on this matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well, Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: Mr. Chairman, I recognize Delegate Boyce for five minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyce.

DELEGATE BOYCE: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates: No matter what decision we make in regard to the majority report as far as the comptroller not being in the constitution or the minority report keeping him in, we are all taking one step in the direction of strengthening the governor of this state.

Face it, because the minority report brings out a new idea, a five-man board, two of which are appointed by the governor, who sits on the board, and two others. In normal times the governor would have a three to two vote any time he needed it and this is strengthening the hand of the governor.

The question comes as to how far we wish to strengthen the hand of the governor. Those who are scared to go too far use three arguments against him. The first they say and rather ridiculously, is that this is going to create a dictatorship in Maryland.