

the electorate the clear lines of responsibility.

THE CHAIRMAN: Your time has expired, Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: I urge you to vote against the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Child.

DELEGATE CHILD: Mr. Chairman, I speak in favor of the amendment.

One of the first meetings that I ever went to in connection with this Convention was a meeting near Towson, called in order to see that voters came out to call the Convention. A number of questions were asked, and one question was, will all of the constitution be wiped away and a new constitution written?

Judge Sherbow said that essentially what was good would be retained. He particularly said, "We have an old house. It needs rebuilding. If we have good timbers in it we will retain those timbers."

Now, is this elected comptroller a good timber? I could talk on it for a half-hour, but I will simply say that in the 115 years that it has been an elective office, there has never been, so far as the evidence that has come before this Convention or before this Committee is concerned, a bill in the legislature to amend the constitution to change the elective character of that office to appointive.

I think that is the highest thing we can say, that it is a good timber, and should be retained in this constitution.

They say that the governor needs more power. The governor just asked the last legislature for eight more aides to carry on his work. In other words, he has got too much work to do now. He has enough power now. And it would seem to me that he should be able to turn over something to someone else who is elected by the people.

Take away the elected attorney general and the elected comptroller, Mr. Chairman, and you are not moving forward, but in my opinion, humble as it is, you are moving the government of the people of Maryland back to the nearest point that they were as colonies under King George III.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have one-quarter minute, Delegate Child.

DELEGATE CHILD: That is enough. I am for the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amend-

ment and for the committee recommendation?

*(There was no response.)*

Delegate Rybczynski, did you still desire the floor?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Very hurriedly, sir. I will touch on just two points. Delegate Hanson wanted to know who is going to watch the comptroller. I say the people watch the comptroller. That is what we try to accomplish.

You have touched the sensitive button and now we are presenting it to you. Number two, you want to know why it is in the Constitution now, and Delegate Carson tried to tell you that. He told you that in 1851 there was a scandal, which brought on the office.

We do not need another scandal to put it back in. Let us keep the scandals out. Let us keep the office in the constitution as an elective office now.

For those of you who are worried about the Washington newspapers and what they say, let us turn to just one building, one piece of construction in the City of Washington, D. C., and decide whether or not we need a Board of Public Works, and whether or not we need a comptroller to whom we can go.

Let us look at the latest House of Representatives building, and see to whom we can go, just as the national magazines have for the last five or six years, to ask the question, where did the authority come from to spend those hundreds of millions of dollars. Who spent the money? Where did it go; who authorized all that huge expenditure?

We do not need that kind of thing here in the State of Maryland. Let us have a representative board, a board we can go to find out where the money is being spent, how it is being spent—where we have no secrets, where we have nothing to worry about, other than the next election.

Vote for this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

So there will be no misunderstanding, the question arises on the consideration of Recommendation No. 2. Because you have before you a motion for an amendment, there will be two votes on this recommendation. The first vote is a vote on amending the recommendation so as to delete the word "not". If that motion is carried, then