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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOVEMBER 28, 1967—2:35 P.M.
PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee of the Whole will please come to order.

For what purpose does Delegate Pullen rise?

DELEGATE PULLEN: I hope I am in order. I would like to recognize three neighbors of mine from Catonsville, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Zimmerman, and Mrs. Mary Jane Joy.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN: We are delighted to have them here.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates, it is with pleasure that I announce in the rear gallery the Chief Judge of the Orphan's Court of Baltimore County, Judge Suzanne Mensh and Mrs. Leonard Goodman.

I hope we can give a welcome and that they will be enlightened by our deliberations.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boyce.

DELEGATE BOYCE: Apparently the League of Women Voters has been here and not recognized. I would like everyone to give them a hand for having been here quite continually with us.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair wishes to recognize the nine members of the Brandeis University Women's Committee of the American Government Study Group, Montgomery County, in the District of Columbia; delighted to have them also.

(Applause.)

Any further announcements?

Delegate Fornos.

DELEGATE FORNOS: Mr. President, I would like to recognize in the gallery a great public servant, Harry T. Krause. He

has been a civic leader in Annapolis for many years.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further announcements? If not, we will proceed to a consideration of the Recommendation No. 3 of the Committee on the Executive Branch contained in Committee Report EB-1. The Chair would like to state that it conferred with Delegate Morgan and Delegate Powers at the noon recess and understands that the Committee on the Executive Branch in agreeing to the compromise did so with the understanding that Recommendation Nos. 2 and 3 would be voted on as they were reached.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Morgan to present the Committee Report.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: The Committee Report with respect to the treasurer is going to be presented by the Vice-President of the Committee, the Honorable E. Dale Adkins.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Adkins to present the report of the committee.

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee of the Whole: At the risk of being corrected by my more erudite friends, I feel a little like King Canute who bade the waves to be still. The waves apparently will not be still. The arguments relating to the treasurer are basically the same as those relating to the comptroller. I think it should not have extensive elaboration or debate.

There are some significant differences to which I would like to invite your attention. We have had many references to the 116 year old office of comptroller. Reference to the debates of the 1851 Reform Convention indicate that in fact a comptroller was put in the constitution not as a check on the governor, but indeed as a check on the treasurer in order that the State might be assured that there would be two signatures on every check. It seems to me unnecessary to have two constitutional officers to provide for dual signatures on checks in the State of Maryland in this day of modern, electronic data processing.

The office of treasurer assumes its constitutional significance only as a result of being on the Board of Public Works. I do not think that it can be successfully argued that to control the funds of Maryland that the people need to have two elected officials