

1 to is the continuation of a very strong executive type
2 budget, which places the Governor in an extremely strong
3 position in the control of the disposition of State
4 revenues.

5 This is a continuation of the general provisions
6 and methodologies which we have had here in the State
7 really since 1916. Maryland, as you probably know,
8 pioneered in the executive type budget.

9 As a counterpoint to the method by which funds
10 flow out of the State, flow out of the State Treasury
11 and into the various designated items is the question of
12 whether or not there should be a constitutional provision
13 or provisions relating to the receipt of funds.

14 At present there is, of course, as you know,
15 the Section in the Constitution dealing with the Treasury
16 Department, which sets up two constitutional officers,
17 namely, the State Treasurer, and of course, the Office
18 of the Comptroller, and through the years of the two,
19 the Office of the Comptroller has become the much more
20 important office, being elected by the people, and having
21 a great many functions, all of which are specified in