

1 the State. I am glad they do. They are under public
2 scrutiny, the eye of the public. The public is the
3 watchdog. They know what goes on in the public. Years
4 ago when you had remoteness, people living in rural areas
5 and the fact people had to travel a long way to get to
6 Annapolis to see a governor or State official, it was a
7 different story, but today in a matter of 45 minutes,
8 do you realize that 90 per cent of the people have access
9 to Annapolis, 45 minutes, with two Beltways? That is hard
10 to believe, isn't it? In 45 minutes people, 90 per cent
11 of the people of Maryland can be in the State House in
12 Annapolis.

13 MR. BROOKS: Mr. Chairman, two questions.
14 Mr. Goldstein, it has been contended by a number of per-
15 sons appearing before the Commission that the checks and
16 balances that should be considered might better be between
17 the branches of government than between individual elected
18 officials, suggesting that perhaps if there is an indepen-
19 dent person who should be a check on the governor, that he
20 should be a legislative officer, such as the Treasurer or
21 someone and maybe even the Auditor, the post-audit function