

1 lature, or whatnot, and that they are getting this as a
2 political plum. I am speaking of this because I am a
3 CPA myself, and I do know a lot of these people in the
4 field.

5 MR. BROOKS: Thank you. One additional ques-
6 tion, back to the political aspects of who should be
7 elected and not: We have talked about the situation
8 where the Comptroller and Attorney General, for instance,
9 are of/^adifferent party from the Governor. Where they
10 are not only the same party but actually the same slate,
11 what is the effect of having a Democratic slate, which
12 is the practice in Maryland, where the Governor runs
13 with a selected Comptroller candidate or Attorney General
14 candidate and to some degree considers other factors
15 than just capability in choosing this, in order to give
16 more popular qualifications and rounding out all the
17 considerations for a full ticket? What is the effect both
18 of the selection process, of getting the type of people
19 who should be in office, as well as what is the real
20 independence of the Comptroller and the Attorney General
21 who is elected with the Governor who has selected them to