

1 GOVERNOR LANE: Well, the first is, I have no
2 prepared statement to make in an overall presentation
3 except to call to your attention the fact that I feel
4 slightly disqualified because my experience -- there has
5 been a longer gap since I was occupied as Governor, for
6 one thing, and I discontinued the practice of law when I
7 went to Annapolis, because I didn't think a practicing
8 lawyer should be Governor of the State. Maybe it wouldn't
9 be a conflict of interests, but it would be undesirable.

10 I have some thoughts about the questions,
11 though, that the Committee has asked, and the first is the
12 limitation of Governor to two terms, consecutive terms.
13 The change in that was done in my administration in 1947.
14 I was prompted to do it by some persuasion, but chiefly
15 because of the language of Article 34 of the Declaration
16 of Rights which implements it into the statute law, the law
17 of our State. I still think it should be limited for two
18 reasons. I think one term is not enough, two terms should
19 be *reasonably sufficient*.

20 It would take four years for a sitting governor
21 to get more information about what his job is going to be