

1 parliamentary characteristic that the legislature cannot  
2 increase the executive's recommendations.

3 Now, at first, when I was confronted with this  
4 provision in '52, I wasn't too pleased with it because I  
5 thought it was a natural inhibition upon our legislative  
6 authority but, as the years have rolled by, I not only  
7 have become accustomed to it, but I look upon it with  
8 some fondness, and, as a result, even County Charters which  
9 I have had the opportunity to draft in this State follow  
10 the same practice, since one can readily say it is constant  
11 with Maryland traditions in that case.

12 I also think of it, this basic provision, against  
13 the executive backdrop and particularly the Federal situa-  
14 tion, with which I am also familiar, having been for four  
15 years a senior official of the U.S. Bureau of the Budget,  
16 and with rare exception at the Federal level it is almost  
17 unusual for a President to allow an agency of the Federal  
18 Government to spend more than he has budgeted for them,  
19 even though the Congress may increase the appropriation.  
20 You will recall the famous --

21 THE CHAIRMAN: How can he prevent it?