

1 stands very high on the list of States throughout the
2 country. Of course, I have learned this from our own
3 budget people, but would to some extent discount what
4 they say, but I think it is interesting and instructive
5 to know that such a recognized authority as Clark Alberg
6 would say that about the State of Maryland.

7 The only significant change that the 1916
8 budget bill has had was a change brought about by the
9 Sobeloff Commission's recommendations in 1952. Prior
10 to the recommendations of the Sobeloff Commission, the
11 budget and budget bill were submitted to the General
12 Assembly by what we call line items. That is to say,
13 each particular job or position in the State was given
14 a line and an item, and there were so many lines and
15 they ran literally into the thousands that nobody could
16 make any sense out of the entire document as a whole,
17 so the Sobeloff Commission, retaining nationally known
18 consultants, recommended to the General Assembly and
19 through them to the people, an amendment to the budget,
20 an amendment which did away with the line item method
21 of reporting and infused into the plan what is known as