

1           That means therefore that the delegates  
2 would have to be elected at a special election. This,  
3 of course, has the disadvantage perhaps of reducing  
4 the turnout of the electorate. On the other hand, it  
5 would enhance the possibilities that the election for  
6 delegates would be truly a nonpartisan election, some-  
7 what free of the usual bitter partisanship that creeps  
8 into all our Maryland elections.

9           In any event, we have no real choice but  
10 we would recommend that the Commission recommend that  
11 the delegates to the September 12, 1967, constitutional  
12 convention be elected in the special election held  
13 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month  
14 of June, 1967.

15           I think in an earlier report, one of our  
16 first, we were able to provide some idea of what a  
17 special election would cost. I think the Attorney  
18 General's office said \$750,000 at that time. It might  
19 be a little on the low side.

20           THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Bard.

21           DR. BARD: I think, Mr. Chairman, that it is