

1 "I have been associated with the Budget Bureau
2 since 1939, and I believe in the interim period no sub-
3 stantial change has been made by Constitutional Amendment of
4 Article 3, affecting the provisions contained therein for
5 executive budget control.

6 "From my association through the National
7 Association of State Budget Officers for over some nineteen
8 years with the budget administrators of other states, I
9 believe that Maryland has the best and strongest executive
10 budget system of any state. I know that we are the envy of
11 most other state administrators. The system has worked
12 well and has protected the financial integrity of the
13 State, and I have no recommendation for any change in
14 Section 52. I believe that House Bill No. 290-Mandel
15 (Chapter 416) recently enacted by the 1966 session, though
16 apparently harmless in its provisions, might become the
17 first inroad into the present controls."

18 If I might digress here; that is the bill to
19 let supplemental appropriations bills move through one
20 house before the final passage of the budget. It is
21 supposed to give them more time at the end to prevent the