

1 energies and abilities. His leadership has been of the
2 finest kind -- leadership by example. By his patience and
3 perseverance, he has brought us to this memorable day in
4 Maryland's history.

5 The stiffness and formality that characterized
6 this Convention in its early days has given way to an air
7 of easy informality, of comraderie, and cooperation. The
8 genius of this body has been its ability, not only to make
9 the right decision when the chips were down, but also to
10 accept these decisions, without bitterness, once they had
11 been made. This spirit has permeated the document which we
12 have produced and will, I believe, flow out to the people
13 of Maryland and have a great deal to do with their
14 acceptance of this Constitution.

15 Those who would defeat this fine document on
16 May 14 would dwell primarily on its probable cost. This,
17 to me, is a faulty argument. It could well be that the
18 proper execution of the reorganization of the Executive
19 Branch, as called for, would result in considerable savings
20 for the taxpayers. The revamping of our court system,
21 especially at the District Court level, may in the long run