

1 policy with respect to financial information. He has kept
2 the public fully informed as to the financial affairs of
3 the State. Under an appointed Comptroller, it is possible
4 that certain financial information could be withheld if
5 such information might be embarrassing to the Governor.
6 Past experience has proven that the Comptroller has
7 released to the people of Maryland financial information
8 beneficial to them.

9 "We see no necessity for giving the Governor
10 full control over the fiscal affairs of the State. As a
11 matter of fact, to do so necessarily presupposes a high
12 degree of fiscal responsibility in candidates for Governor,
13 and we all know that such is not always the case. If the
14 Governor is free to act in fiscal matters without any
15 person otherwise responsible to the public acting in the
16 capacity of a fiscal watch dog, an irresponsible Governor
17 in one term of office could place the State in an adverse
18 financial position from which it might take many years to
19 recover.

20 "It seems to me that there is a necessity for a
21 system of checks and balances within the Executive Branch