

## COMMITTEE NARRATIVE (Continued)

State Support for Private Hospital Capital Projects: The committees are concerned about the growth in requests for state support for private hospital capital projects. The committees would like to see the development of a more orderly and systematic process for these projects. A unified process has worked well for the state's independent colleges and universities. The committees request the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning to work closely with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, and the Maryland Hospital Association to develop:

- 1) An approximate amount of state support for private hospital capital projects to be requested each year;
- 2) Criteria for the types of projects and costs eligible for state support;
- 3) A process for evaluating individual hospital requests;
- 4) A system for developing a priority ranking and choosing projects for inclusion in the state capital budget; and
- 5) Recommendations for whether funding for an individual hospital project should be requested all at once or over the length of the project.
- 6) Recommendations for exclusion from this process.

The committees will expect a report by September 1, 1993.

Contract Compliance Process: The budget committees are concerned with the occurrence of deficiencies in the construction management process for universities and colleges throughout the state. A current example is in this year's facilities renewal request from Coppin State College for the replacement of spandrel panels on Jacobs Hall. The panels that were installed to hold the windows in place are made of plastic, do not meet the original contract requirements, and have been falling off the building onto the ground below. The Department of General Services is requested to submit a report to the budget committees by July 1, 1993 describing the process by which compliance with construction contracts is determined and how accountability of contractors is maintained for state colleges and universities.