

1 of political subdivisions. We have required that due
2 regard shall be given to natural boundaries and the
3 boundaries of political subdivisions, but in this particular
4 context we would not allow any deviation over and above the
5 ten percent at all.

6 I think I should point out here that the special
7 three-judge court, which provided the congressional districts
8 under which we operate today, actually have a flexibility
9 of less than two percent of deviation from the mean, so
10 that in setting the ten percent we are in reality providing
11 an additional eight percent within which to redraw
12 congressional districts in 1972.

13 Now, the Committee decided that we would follow
14 somewhat, to some extent, the commission procedure that we
15 employed in the section on the General Assembly itself, and
16 that is to say that the Committee on Legislative Re-
17 districting, which you will remember would contain four
18 members from each party having been designated by the
19 respective party leaders in the House and the Senate, for
20 a total of 68, plus the Governor's appointee, who shall
21 be chairman for the tie-breaker, the ninth party, is the