

1 commission which does the redistricting for the General  
2 Assembly. This Commission hopefully would gain some  
3 stature and prestige and expertese, and therefore we have  
4 conferred upon it the duty of initiating congressional  
5 districting under 3.03(c). In any year in which there is  
6 to be congressional redistricting that commission will  
7 submit to the Governor, who in turn shall send it to the  
8 General Assembly, a plan for congressional redistricting.

9 Now, we have required that the General Assembly  
10 take it and either enact it into law or enact a redistricting  
11 plan of its own. We feel that we cannot go any further  
12 than this and attempt to confer jurisdiction upon the  
13 Court of Appeals or any court whatsoever because of the  
14 complications that arise under the constitution.

15 Ultimately it would appear, as we have pointed  
16 out before, that the responsibility for drawing the  
17 districts is in the General Assembly, and I don't think it  
18 would be wise to put any of that responsibility anyplace  
19 else, although we recognize that the Federal courts in  
20 Maryland have taken this responsibility on in 1966.

21 Here I should say with respect to natural