

1 the legislative branch to be the weakest in State govern-
2 ment by dividing among themselves the direct representatives
3 of the people.

4 If we turn to the direct arguments made for bi-
5 cameralism by the Committee report, the first is that from
6 a statistical point of view bicameralism really works
7 in Maryland, which is to say that one house passes bills
8 and the other house passes them, too, and sometimes one house
9 declines to pass a bill which has been passed by the other
10 house, which is to state the obvious, or nothing.

11 This in fact gives us no qualitative judgment
12 as to whether or not good bills pass or bad bills pass.
13 Statistically it would probably also indicate, if one could
14 decide what is a good bill and what is a bad bill, that
15 on the average about as many good bills are killed as bad
16 bills.

17 What the Committee neglects to mention is that
18 one house does not provide careful consideration of legis-
19 lation passed by the other house simply because the second
20 house does not have an adequate opportunity for careful
21 consideration. I call your attention to page 6 of the