

1 today, or like yesterday, a nice wintery day, in which the
2 attendance is likely to be low. A committee chairman can
3 line up his people for early that day, call a bill up, and
4 get it through with a very limited number of people.

5 Another thin which can happen under the majority recommenda-
6 tion is that in those instances in which a great deal of
7 pressure is on members to vote in a particular way, he can
8 get by with passing in many more circumstances than he can
9 under the constitutional majority rule.

10 In one of the sections, three-fifths votes are
11 required for the expulsion of a member. That is tied also
12 to a present voting rule, so that if you have a quorum
13 present, for example, in the Senate, of 21 people, three-
14 fifths of the 21 people could expell a member. The same
15 is true in the House.

16 This step, which the majority would have us
17 take, is so far out of practice with most American states
18 I find it incredible. The present Maryland Constitution
19 requires the constitutional majority. The draft prepared
20 by the Constitutional Convention Commission requires
21 a constitutional majority. All but a very few, five of