

1 to the minority report. Delegate Byrnes, would you like
2 to come forward? The chair recognizes Delegate Byrnes.

3 DELEGATE BYRNES: Ladies and gentlemen of
4 the Committee of the Whole, I am going to try to cut what
5 promised to be at one point a very lengthy presentation
6 down to the bare bones.

7 My position in presenting the minority report
8 is one prompted by circumstance. I, as you know, am a
9 resident of Baltimore City, which has odd year elections.
10 I might point out we have had odd year elections in
11 Baltimore City since our incorporation in 1795. The
12 budget of Baltimore City has long since been geared to
13 this and the people are fairly well oriented to it.

14 I don't speak so much in favor of Baltimore
15 City's position as I do of questioning the majority's
16 recommendation. I think you should have before you all of
17 the factors involved in this very significant decision
18 that they are asking you to make. I am really playing
19 the role of the devil's advocate more than anything
20 else.

21 We are going to submit to you an amendment