

1 Even though it was not the intention of the
2 Committee on the Legislative Branch originally to include
3 a section on congressional redistricting, the events
4 which took place in the Congress the day before we
5 considered the amendment which was proposed here, plus a
6 further study of the history of Maryland and of congressional
7 attempts generally to set up standards has prompted the
8 Committee on the Legislative Branch to reconsider its
9 earlier opinion and to come forth with the suggestion
10 which you have before you.

11 I think Maryland's history with respect to
12 congressional redistricting can be best summarized in a
13 capsule sentence which appears in a pamphlet called
14 "Representation and Apportionment" published by the
15 Congressional Quarterly Service in August of 1966. Maryland
16 was unique enough to prompt a separate article in this
17 particular publication entitled "Redistricting in Maryland",
18 and the lead sentence I think is what would interest us:
19 "Congressional redistricting never easily accomplished proved
20 more difficult in Maryland than in any other state in the
21 country in the 1960's."