

1 Quite naturally, an inquiry will be made as to
2 why the Committee decided upon ten percent, why it
3 decided upon a percentage at all, when in the legislative
4 session and the session having to do with the districts
5 for the purposes of the General Assembly we did not use
6 a percentage, although we indicated we felt that fifteen
7 percent would be the maximum acceptable in isolated cases.
8 I think the reason is because of the much larger size of a
9 congressional district, the fact that a larger percentage
10 really allows you a greater number of people for flexibility
11 purposes.

12 Now, it is quite true that Congressman Cellers'
13 bills which have been submitted regularly to the Congress
14 and House since 1951 have generally called for a fifteen
15 percent deviation from the mean. However, in recent times
16 the Senate has been reducing that figure to ten percent, and
17 it appears that if a percentage is ever adopted that ten
18 percent will probably be the percentage agreed upon.

19 I am not suggesting to you that the prospects
20 of Congressional final decision in this area are at hand.
21 In talking to some of the Members of the Congress, I think