

1 recommendation of the Committee ^{carry them} carries with it, if not
2 some presumption of validity or an affirmative stance,
3 certainly some additional substantive margin in ~~its~~ ^{their}
4 favor, which can really be overridden, as it is admitted
5 by the members of this Convention; but nevertheless, I
6 place these ideas before you in the interest of accomplishing
7 what we must do by the stipulated deadline.

8 The Report of the Committee on the Legislative
9 Branch represents the maximum concerted efforts of that body
10 to outline the structure for a modern General Assembly.
11 The Committee itself was composed of seven present or
12 former members of the General Assembly, three professional
13 educators, a former judge, a former President of the
14 Maryland Senate, and I might say, a generous representa-
15 tion from the minority party, not to mention three from the
16 disstaff side. Ten of our twenty members were lawyers,
17 one has served as an aide on Capitol Hill, and two of the
18 Committee members were leading figures in the five-year
19 fight for reapportionment in Maryland. Virtually all
20 of the Committee members have had contact with State
21 government and some are long-time professional students of