

1 State legislatures, including Maryland.

2 The aim of the Committee was to structure a
3 legislature which provides the maximum practicable represen-
4 tation, with the utmost efficiency. The Committee recog-
5 nizes that at some point the overemphasis of one would un-
6 duly restrict and limit the operation of the other. Where-
7 ver possible, the Committee strove to achieve a full self-
8 determination and wide responsibility for the proposed
9 General Assembly.

10 In particular, it avoided the temptation to
11 bypass such agitating questions as determination of length
12 of session and salary setting by such a devious device
13 as the creating of commissions to carry this burden.

14 By and large, the Committee recognized that
15 it was writing a long-term document, and consequently it
16 sought to avoid restrictions within it which would ad-
17 mittedly meet the problems of the immediate future but
18 which, over the long run, might well prove to act as impedi-
19 ments.

20 In searching for the outline of the modern
21 structure, the Committee was not unmindful of the value