

1 of tradition and history. Nothing of value was discarded  
2 because it was old, and nothing new was provided for solely  
3 on the basis that it was some glittering innovation.

4           Within the framework of this balancing of the  
5 old and proven with the new and necessary, the Committee  
6 decided upon a bicameral legislature, but it reached dis-  
7 agreement on the premise that the accompanying recommenda-  
8 tions supplied the best kind of bicameralism. Admittedly  
9 then in a certain sense the Committee report is a consensus  
10 document. It represents a legislative structure based upon  
11 a rationale which the vast majority of the Committee  
12 could well support. Radical deviations in either direction  
13 would destroy this consensus and would render the  
14 recommendations abhorrent to those on the far side of the  
15 spectrum. To say, therefore, that the recommendations  
16 represent a compromise is not to detract from the simpli-  
17 city, clarity and recognition of values represented and  
18 preserved.

19           The Committee has not been unmindful of the  
20 existing basis of actual political strength, nor has it  
21 sought intentionally to destroy vested interests, although