

1 metropolitan cities of the United States, but with the
2 exception of Nebraska going from bicameral to unicameral
3 in 1937, the States of the Union have by and large for
4 a period of 130 to 140 years found the bicameral system
5 quite satisfactory.

6 I might point out here, too, that there ^{have} ~~has~~
7 been several occasions presented since the Supreme Court
8 decision in Baker versus Carr, and Reynolds versus Simms,
9 establishing the one-man/one-vote theory, when State
10 constitutional conventions could have departed from the
11 bicameral General Assembly and did not do so, and we have
12 before us as documents provided for our study both the
13 Constitution of the State of New York, which may either
14 be ascending or descending at this very hour,
15 and the State Constitution of Rhode Island, which also
16 adopted a bicameral general assembly; the point here
17 being that bicameralism has prevailed thus far, despite the
18 one-man/one-vote rule.

19 I would like now to move from a consideration
20 of section 3.01 to a consideration of section 3.04, the
21 composition of the legislature, and if you will indulge