

1 In arriving in effect at the maximum limitations
2 of 35 Senators and 105 members of the House, the Committee
3 in actuality settled on a compromise between ⁴⁰48, ~~48~~ Senators
4 and 80 Members of the House of Delegates on the one hand,
5 and 120 Delegates and 40 Senators on the other. The
6 Committee heard great testimony, at great length, I should
7 say, to the effect that the present legislature, particularly
8 the House of Delegates, with 142 members, was too large and
9 cumbersome and unwieldy to do an effective job of legislating.

10 If one recognizes that the really important
11 committee work done in the General Assembly, in the House of
12 Delegates in particular, is carried on in two major committees,
13 the Ways and Means and the Judiciary, and if one recognizes
14 that it is virtually impossible to have more than 34
15 or 35 members on each the House Ways and Means Committee
16 and the Judiciary Committee, it becomes perfectly apparent
17 that only about 70 members of the House of Delegates are
18 being fruitfully and fully used to their full and utmost
19 potential, and when one addresses one's self to a question
20 of how large the House should be, recognizing this difficulty,
21 and taking into consideration that perhaps the House could,
if it so desired, amend the committee structure so as