

1 which we had before us, it became perfectly obvious that
2 there was great rationale and support for this particular
3 set of numbers.

4 I might point out, too, that there is no necessity
5 that the full 105-35 be used. Any lesser number can be used,
6 as long as the multiple of 3 House members exist, for each
7 Senate member.

8 At this point I think it appropriate to address
9 myself to the question of why we have abandoned the attempt
10 to keep every county represented by at least one delegate.
11 The answer lies in the projected population figures for the
12 State of Maryland in 1970 and 1980.

13 We will have, if those estimates are correct, a
14 little less by 40,000 than 4 million people in 1970, and by
15 1980, the figure should approach 5,400,000.

16 Under the one-man, one-vote rule, it becomes
17 obvious that in 1970, in order to provide each county with
18 one delegate, it would be necessary that this chamber be
19 enlarged to accommodate 192 persons. If the 5,400,000 figure
20 prevails in 1980, it will be necessary that this body
21 be enlarged to approximately 227 members.