

1           Now, in using these population figures and  
2 these projections, I should point out to the Committee of the  
3 Whole that they have always been on the conservative side,  
4 and that if you go back and examine these same projections  
5 in the 1930 and 1940 reports of the State Department of  
6 Planning, you will find that they have grossly under-  
7 estimated the rate of growth of the population of the State  
8 of Maryland, so that when we project, as we must mathemati-  
9 cally, the figure of 192 delegates in 1970 and 227 in 1980,  
10 and beyond that, we get into the three and four hundreds,  
11 these are conservative estimates at best, and so the committee  
12 reluctantly, and with sympathy, but nevertheless recognizing  
13 the fact that it had to abide by the decisions of the Supreme  
14 Court of the United States, the one-man, one-vote rule,  
15 that it was impossible to continue the one delegate per  
16 county, and consequently that was the reason why it was  
17 abandoned.

18           Even today, using the 1960 census figures, in  
19 providing one delegate for each county, there is a 65  
20 per cent deviation existing within the presently-apportioned  
21 General Assembly of Maryland, so that if one establishes