

1 unicameral principle, and attempts to combine the two
2 houses insofar as it is possible within the present
3 system.

4 We may conclude then from the facts that are
5 available, and from the behavior of the legislature as
6 contrasted with the theory and slogans of bicameralism
7 that hasty and ill-considered legislation is, as I suggested
8 earlier, a self-fulfilling prophecy in a bicameral body.

9 The second argument made by the Committee is
10 that bicameralism offers greater opportunity for differing
11 citizen interests to be represented in the legislature.

12 We of the Minority believe that this is probably
13 the strongest argument made by the Majority for the
14 retention of a bicameral system. We believe, however,
15 that this purported advantage is offset in a unicameral
16 body by its increased visibility, and thereby by the ability
17 of the individual citizen, the constituency, to understand
18 the legislative process, and to carefully view and consider
19 the behavior of its representative.

20 We believe that the interest of citizens
21 is better protected if the legislative power is undivided