

1 procedure. It would perhaps be more accurate to say that
2 bicameralism difuses responsibility rather than increases
3 responsibility, and the second look may often be only
4 a passing glance.

5 The fifth reason advanced by the Committee
6 is that bicameralism is more responsive to the public will
7 and offers more time for citizens to learn what is happening
8 in the legislature. This statement is based upon the
9 often stated proposition that people do not know
10 what is happening until one house has passed the legislation.
11 We of the Minority believe that this is not a compliment
12 to bicameralism but a serious indictment of it. That
13 it is so difficult for the ordinary citizen to comprehend
14 that he cannot understand what has occurred until one
15 House has acted, and if, as the facts indicate, that legis-
16 lation does not get to the second house until it is almost
17 too late to give it careful consideration, that the
18 facade created by the bicameral system of careful second
19 consideration simply is that, a facade, and does not involve
20 citizens in a full participation in the legislative affairs
21 of their State.