

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gill?

2 DELEGATE GILL: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates,
3 we believe that interests of all citizens, and especially
4 the average, and those with specialized problems, would
5 be far better represented and that the electorate would
6 be better able to hold their representatives accountable if
7 the legislative power exercised by the representatives were
8 not divided in two houses.

9 Because of our disability and inaccountable
10 legislature it would be very difficult to play one house
11 against the other as is often done in the two houses now.

12 A streamlined well-organized unicameral legislature
13 which is effectively, intelligently and justly operated
14 could do more than any other single thing to help democracy
15 to work in Maryland.

16 Because of its simple and non-duplicating process,
17 the people could become fully informed as to their govern-
18 ment's operations. Simplicity of form would encourage
19 public knowledge and participation and involvement.

20 A single chamber, a single-member district, would
21 open up and keep open many channels of communication between