

1 as I see this problem, it is solely one of accountability.
2 In my experience as a businessman, I found that in general
3 if you give people responsibility and hold them accountable,
4 they will act responsibly.

5 There is a certain learning theory which is
6 popularly called reinforced behavior. Overly simplified,
7 it says that if you reward certain behavior regularly you
8 will get more of that same behavior.

9 A bicameral legislature rewards deviousness.
10 It enables a legislator to advocate a vote getting position
11 for years on end without having to deliver. This reward
12 of deviousness is self-reinforcing, and is the facet of
13 bicameralism most corruptive of good government.

14 As a legislator, I believe that a unicameral
15 legislature will mitigate against this, for it will force
16 us to play the game in the open and the voters can then
17 hold us accountable for our actions.

18 To put it very, very briefly, if you make us
19 accountable, we will then become more responsible.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

21 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I yield