

1 five minutes to Delegate Burdette.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Burdette.

3 DELEGATE BURDETTE: Mr. Chairman, I rise in
4 support of bicameralism.

5 I do so with the thought of leaving the approach
6 of mechanics of legislation and emphasizing the purpose of
7 a legislative body.

8 One thinks at first glance that perhaps a
9 legislative body needs to emphasize efficiency of research,
10 important as it is, speed of action, important as it is,
11 and simplicity of organization, important as that may be;
12 but there is an underlying purpose of a legislative body
13 which is its preeminent function in the making of law,
14 that it engineers consent in the society for which it
15 is responsible.

16 The General Assembly of Maryland in the 20th
17 Century, as in a few times in its past, is encountering
18 problems of the first magnitude. Great societies which
19 have had difficulty in arranging an engineering of con-
20 sent which will acquire a general acceptance have had
21 a problem of stability.