

1 Dakota fifty years ago in urging that his State seriously
2 consider adoption of the unicameral legislature. The
3 criticism he saw of the bicameral system exists today.

4 Mr. Chairman, checks and balances would be re-
5 tained under a unicameral legislature. There is the
6 governor's veto. There is judicial review. There is the
7 process of referendum. But I think far more important,
8 there is public accountability clearly focused on legis-
9 lative action. Because I believe that unicameralism and
10 not bicameralism would enhance prestige, create visibility
11 and focus responsibility, I believe it should be adopted
12 here and now in this State. We are creating a legislature
13 not for the legislators but for the people of Maryland.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Marion, you have one-
15 half minute.

16 DELEGATE MARION: With all due respect to George
17 Washington's teacup theory, I would prefer to see us
18 adopt the ^{Major Theory} ~~Mulligan~~ cup. If we need to cool it, we exercise
19 a degree of responsibility and put it down. Major change
20 in the machinery of State government requires courage. I
21 urge those people in this Convention who are almost