

1 to hamper it with this two-house method. It just seems
2 to me, Mr. Chairman, that this is an opportunity to perhaps
3 lead other states into a movement of getting government
4 back to the people, back to the states. I personally honestly
5 believe the State of Maryland should continue to exist
6 and is a viable area and is a logical area for government.
7 I think perhaps if we do not take this step we will be
8 taking a step backwards inasmuch as we will have to continue,
9 as the people have in the past, to go to the Federal Govern-
10 ment to have their problems answered.

11 It has happened in the past, not only when the
12 Federal Government has not acted in a bicameral legislature,
13 they have gone to the courts and got the answers. The
14 courts are so insulated from the people, it is silly. We
15 heard much talk in this Convention by conservatives, for
16 example, that these nine old men are running our country.
17 Perhaps if the legislature had acted, the people would have been
18 able to set the standard by which they wanted to live.

19 It is a sad thing that this has happened, but it
20 has. I feel the unicameral system will lead us into the
21 Twenty-first Century and give us the kind of government we