

1 system. The first two times I spoke I said the theory
2 I supported -- I gave all the reasons we have had here today,
3 the effectiveness of the legislature as a branch of government
4 would be increased, the efficiency in use of time, taxpayers'
5 money, the accountability of the legislators themselves, the
6 visibility of bills to the citizen at large, I would always
7 retreat and say for practical considerations I would probably
8 withhold my support from it. Voter acceptability was ques-
9 tioned, the weight of traditional system and the fact that
10 politicians in general did not like it.

11 When I came to my third meeting a man from the
12 audience challenged me and I was very thankful to him
13 ever since. He said, "You must have the courage of your
14 convictions and vote your conscience. The people of
15 Maryland want a new Constitution and want it to embody the
16 best structure possible. After that, I did not have any
17 other trouble with the other 17 meetings, at least when they
18 asked about this question.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other delegates other than Dele-
20 gate Malkus desire to speak in opposition?

21 The Chair recognizes Delegate Malkus.