

1 DELEGATE MALKUS: Thank you, Mr. President.

2 I had hoped not to speak twice on the subject matter, but
3 those three minutes ran out very quickly. I would just
4 like to leave this with this Convention. I asked our
5 Research Bureau of our fine committee headed by a fine
6 Chairman, how many states have rewritten or attempted to
7 rewrite their constitution since the historic decision of
8 Baker versus Carr which, Mr. President, you certainly are
9 familiar with. The answer was eight. Eight states have
10 either rewritten or have attempted to rewrite their
11 constitutions. I think five of those constitutions have been
12 ratified by the people.

13 My next question was this: How many of these
14 states since that historic decision and since the
15 rewriting of their constitution have provided for the
16 unicameral system? The answer is none. I know that Maryland
17 should not follow the footsteps of other states for the
18 sake of following their footsteps. But you are a great law-
19 yer, you believe in precedent, and all other lawyers believe
20 in precedent here. If you do not have any law at home, Mr.
21 President, you go ahead and look for law elsewhere