

1 to flag the public and to inform the public that a bill
2 has passed one of the houses. I think it would be
3 accurate to say that on many occasions the voters of this
4 State do not know that a bill is even before the General
5 Assembly until it reads in the paper that the bill has
6 passed the house or the senate. At that particular time
7 suddenly they realize that their interests are under close
8 scrutiny in Annaoplis and they come running down to be
9 heard in the second chamber.

10 Consequently, one of the services of the bi-
11 cameral system is that it calls to the attention of the
12 people of the State that action has been taken on a par-
13 ticular piece of legislation and does so to specifically
14 give the citizen an opportunity to be heard on it, to ward
15 it off as the case may be, or perhaps to encourage it if it
16 be the desire of the particular constituents.

17 I might say too under the bicameral package
18 that the committee has presented that if the 35 senator
19 105 member house formula were adopted, we would have a
20 total of 140 representatives in the aggregate, rather than
21 the 100 which is suggested as the amended figure if it