

1 against your time. You are not debating the issue at this
2 point?

3 DELEGATE JAMES: I am using committee time, the
4 minority time, that is correct.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Just for presentation of the report.
6 After the report is presented, there will be an opportunity
7 for questions, after which Delegate James will resume his
8 seat for the debate. This time is not charged against
9 Delegate James.

10 DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, members of the
11 committee, the Minority Report, LB-1(A) is designed to
12 seek a reorganization of the General Assembly of Maryland
13 by permitting an 80-member House and a 40-member Senate.

14 I would like to begin my presentation by telling
15 you that I have served for two terms or eight years in
16 the old Senate, consisting of 29 members.

17 That Senate was Divided into two major committees,
18 a 15-member Senate Finance Committee and a 14-member
19 Judicial Committee.

20 All of the important work of the Senate was
21 handled through these two committees, with certain minor,