

1 rivals. This is something you simply cannot eliminate with
2 multi-member districts.

3 On the House side the problems are really reverse.
4 I served for eight years in the House, with a 123-man House
5 at that time. There were two major committees originally,
6 Ways and Means Committee, having approximately 20 members
7 and the Judiciary Committee had 20 members.

8 If you were not on those two committees, you
9 really were a minor legislative figure. There was a
10 multiplicity of minor committees, I believe more than ten
11 minor committees, but these committees did not really do
12 the main work of the General Assembly.

13 Certainly a body which has 40 out of 123 engaged
14 in major political assignments is not a well-organized body.

15 As a result of reapportionment, the present
16 House was increased to 142. The organization of this change,
17 the Ways and Means Committee was increased to 35 and
18 the Judiciary Committee was increased to 35, and there were
19 approximately 8 minor committees.

20 Now, a committee of 35 is too large, but it is
21 almost necessary in a 142-man house to have a relatively