

1 "The Assembly will be followed by a series of
2 regional assemblies. It was attended by former governors,
3 legislators, local government officials, journalists,
4 educators, and civic leaders."

5 One of the nine points they adopted, point
6 number 8, reads as follows:

7 "The legislature should be of the size to
8 make the position of the legislator more important and
9 visible. To permit individual participation, effective
10 deliberation, full staffing and adequate compensation.
11 legislatures should be no larger than fair representation
12 requires. We believe that in many cases in the United
13 States legislatures are larger than desirable."

14 The Committee on Economic Development is a
15 conservative organization. It has this to say on size,
16 at page 36:

17 "Most legislatures are far too large; only
18 ten have 100 members or less, while eight have over 200.
19 New Hampshire has one legislator for every 1500 inhabitants
20 in its lower house, in contrast to one for every 200,000
21 in California. There is little merit in