

1 the group, the population in 1970, projected estimates,  
2 looks like it will reach a figure of 3.9 million. By  
3 1980 that population will reach a figure of 5 million.

4 I do not intend to argue the merits today, and  
5 neither does the minority report, of the Baker and Simms  
6 decisions. These are the law of the land for the moment.  
7 However, we do intend to argue that during this period of  
8 great change, during this period when the finality of the  
9 law has not covered the field, during this period when  
10 the exact deviation that can be expected from district to  
11 district has not been finally established by the Supreme  
12 Court, during this period when the slot system of elections,  
13 when other proposed systems are giving broader representation  
14 to smaller groups, still having to have their merits tried  
15 out in the court system, we say this is no time, no time to  
16 create into the Constitution of Maryland a 105 to 35 figure,  
17 which is going to significantly reduce the representation  
18 in our State legislature.

19 We know, and I think the figures that are before  
20 you in the majority report show, that if this figure is  
21 carried out, this 105-35 ratio is carried out, that by