

1 the most productive legislature we have ever had in the
2 State of Maryland, 143 members in that lower house.

3 In conclusion, Mr. Chairman and members of the
4 Committee, what is the case for allowing the size of the
5 legislature to be provided by law, rather than freezing
6 that size in the Constitution from now into the eternal
7 future?

8 The first proposition and the first foundation
9 of that case, this body does not and cannot have the fore-
10 sight to precisely determine what the exact number should be.
11 We have to ask ourselves the honest question, whether a
12 35-105 ratio that may be good enough for the year 1968
13 is going to be good enough for the year 1970, and I am talk-
14 ing here about adequate representation of people -- that
15 is the issue -- and will it be good enough in 1980, when
16 the population has increased over 1970 by 30 percent?

17 The second proposition that the minority report
18 stands on, since the Supreme Court decisions the case is
19 no longer arguable as to whether a State shall equitably
20 apportion itself. It must do so. The only question left
21 is how that apportionment shall be applied in each state,