

1 and I have already demonstrated that this apportionment
2 is applied in about 48 different manners in 49 different
3 states.

4 The third proposition, with the existing, and
5 I think this is the point that deserves some consideration,
6 the existing predominance of the legislature, some 70
7 percent, now resting in four counties, three counties and
8 the City of Baltimore -- Baltimore County, Montgomery
9 County, Prince Georges, and Baltimore City -- it is kind of
10 senseless, it seems to me, to assume that these indivi-
11 duals, if they are given the responsibility of apportioning
12 the State legislature, are going to dilute their power by
13 greatly expanding the size of the legislature. We already
14 have a safety valve provided.

15 I might say that that safety valve wasn't
16 provided by the Constitution. It was provided by the
17 legislature of Maryland and approved by the Federal courts,
18 by the State courts.

19 The fourth proposition: Inasmuch as the Supreme
20 Court has left some margin, though the margin is undefined,
21 by which the population within the legislative district