

1 ask is that the Constitution of Maryland be left in a
2 sufficiently flexible position to permit us, as the court
3 decided that one man-one vote needs to be refined, to
4 be able to take advantage of those refinements.

5 I suggest further that there is a tendency on the
6 part of all of us sometimes to use cliches instead of
7 thought, and I suggest that when we mention the term,
8 "one man-one vote", we sometimes tend to stop thinking.
9 Fair, equitable and just representation is the require-
10 ment for the people of Maryland. One man-one vote is a
11 keystone of that fair and just and equitable representa-
12 tion. It is not, however, the only element, as is pointed
13 out in both the Eney Commission Report and by other
14 people who have spoken to this group. At least leave to us
15 the flexibility so that the future may determine what is fair
16 and just. Do not impose rigid restrictions now, without
17 having had the evidence before you, and the Committee con-
18 cedes that they have not -- they have not even attempted to
19 translate its formula into districts or regions or bound-
20 aries -- let that be done where indeed it should be done,
21 in the legislative halls of this body.