

1 the addition of Howard County in 1851, and Garrett in 1872,
2 to go to one hundred seventy-four members, but this we
3 did not do because by constitutional amendment it was
4 frozen at one hundred twenty-three in 1950, until the nine-
5 teen members were added to the House in '62 and the ad-
6 ditional fourteen members were added to the Senate.

7 I say to this house that we have a tradition
8 of setting at least scales which will provide maximum
9 limitations, and I say in all candor that the other forty-
10 eight States of the Union do likewise; and only Montana
11 allows both the size of the House and the Senate to be
12 set by law, regardless of the testimony that you have
13 heard here today.

14 Now, ladies and gentlemen of this Committee,
15 we had seven members, either present or formerly of the
16 General Assembly on the Committee of the Legislative
17 Branch, and these people are experienced, and we heard from
18 a great many members of the legislature; and I tell you
19 unequivocally that it was the request of the members of
20 the legislature, by and large, that we set the limit in
21 the Constitution; that we provide that there be some