

1 THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate
2 James to speak in opposition to the amendment.

3 DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates,
4 first I would like to say that all of the arguments I
5 attempted to mobilize this morning, I would like to say
6 they are applicable to this particular proposition this
7 afternoon.

8 I happened to serve as Chairman of the Committee
9 on Legislative Reapportionment. It was a soul-searching
10 experience. I had this difficult job for a period of
11 two years, and I can tell you that the legislator is in
12 an extraordinarily difficult position in passing upon
13 this particular subject. He has two problems. One
14 problem is that he has his own selfish interest at stake,
15 but to buttress that selfish interest is the fact that
16 his people at home, generally speaking, want him to do
17 the thing which is in his own selfish interest, so that
18 he is handicapped both by the fact that his people want
19 him to fight for the status quo and that his own selfish
20 interest really requires him to be for the status quo,
21 so the ultimate result of the adoption of this proposal