

1 We are talking, the Chairman has mentioned
2 the fact that never in the tradition of Maryland has
3 this formula that we are recommending here today been
4 applied to the State as far as apportionment is concerned.
5 I have to say that never in the State of Maryland has it had
6 to face two Supreme Court decisions and try to resolve
7 two difficult decisions as they have today in Baker
8 versus Carr and Reynolds versus Simms decisions.
9 I say again the testimony of the legislators that came
10 before our Committee was mixed. It was mixed. The Chair-
11 man mentioned 12 people who talked and said that we should
12 set that figure in the Constitution -- 12 members of the
13 legislature. He says that somewhere we have to draw
14 the line; The buck stops here.

15 That seems to me that he is afraid to let the
16 legislature handle their job. I think Delegate Bamberger
17 pointed out that this is a difficult job. Nobody has
18 ever said that the life of the legislator is an easy job.
19 It never will be if the legislator is doing his job.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason, you have
21 three-quarters of a minute.