

1 Those who urge a number are not opposed to representative
2 government. We are interested in effective government, and
3 representation can become such a runaway cause that
4 efficiency, indeed effectiveness, may well disappear from
5 the General Assembly.

6 All I ask this Committee to do today is to
7 provide the avenue of maximum efficiency with maximum
8 representation. We have told you that the members of the
9 General Assembly do not want to fix their numbers..

10 Why should we give them a job which is ours,
11 and which they do not want? How long do you think it
12 will take for them to straighten out the matter of
13 numbers if we entrust them with that responsibility? This
14 is a Constitutional matter. This has to do with the
15 future success of the General Assemblies of the State of
16 Maryland. This has to do, ladies and gentlemen, with
17 whether or not the people who come down here will attend
18 to matters which they ought to attend to, and not to
19 matters of internal concern.

20 I submit to you that this is not a question of
21 whether a small county will have a voice or not. The