

1 DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Yes, is the answer.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: His question is, what portion
3 of the proposed language justifies the answer?

4 DELEGATE GILCHRIST: "The General Assembly
5 shall prescribe by law the ratio of the number of members
6 of the House of Delegates to the number of members of the
7 Senate," in lines 12 through 16.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sollins.

9 DELEGATE SOLLINS: As I understand, reading on,
10 you say, "But the ratio shall not be greater than four-
11 to-one."

12 DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Yes. This is not a mul-
13 tiple. This is a ratio. This is not a series of ratios.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sollins.

15 DELEGATE SOLLINS: As I understand it, then,
16 the legislature could sometime in the future set up a
17 situation where we could have 20 senators and 60 delegates?

18 DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Yes, sir.

19 DELEGATE SOLLINS: Or this could make it 36
20 and 144?

21 DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Yes.