

1 With the three-to-one ratio we could have what we suggest,  
2 to the extent that possibility exists within the plan,  
3 I certainly applaud it.

4           However, having recognized its virtue, I must  
5 also recognize its singlemost glaring significant defect  
6 which is this: That the amendment which we have before us  
7 is the avenue to perpetuating what we have at this moment.  
8 We do not want to continue what we have, because using  
9 the four-to-one ratio you can provide for a house of  
10 144 and a senate of 36. I do think that is exactly what  
11 would spring to mind if this amendment were adopted because  
12 of the attempt I think to provide each county with as much  
13 of an opportunity to have a delegate it can call its  
14 own as possible. However, if one takes the 1970 census  
15 projection for Maryland, it would appear that in order  
16 to be entitled to a delegate all its own, a county would have  
17 to have 27,700 population.

18           As I look at the 1970 projections, I count  
19 the following counties with less than 27,700 population.  
20 Calvert, Garrett, Kent, despite its 330th anniversary, Queen  
21 Annes, Somerset, Talbot, I count seven and quite a possibility