

1 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I yield that time to Senator
2 James.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

4 DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates,
5 in analyzing this proposal, it seems to me that all of
6 the objections that have been hitherto made to the large
7 house appertaining here, lack of visibility, inability
8 to pay compensation, inefficient organization, staffing
9 facilities, all is compatible with this proposal, but
10 moreover, here you could have a complete deadlock. The
11 House and Senate might fail to agree on what this ratio
12 would be and then I do not know whether you would have
13 a general assembly or not.

14 In all probability they would agree to the
15 maximum and that anything thereafter would have to be,
16 any adjustment thereafter would have to be in favor of
17 the Senate at the expense of the House.

18 Certainly no agreement could be reached on that
19 basis. It seems to me this avoids a basic constitutional
20 decision, the adoption of this would be a shirking of our
21 constitutional duty to provide firm constitutional rulings.