

1 It puts something in the legislature that should not be  
2 there. I am opposed to it.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gilchrist, you have  
4 two minutes to allocate.

5 DELEGATE GILCHRIST: I allocate two minutes  
6 to Delegate Marvin Smith.

7 DELEGATE M. SMITH: The arguments presented  
8 against this and other plans have seemed to be based  
9 on the size of the General Assembly and as I have  
10 listened to them, they have been based primarily on the  
11 premise that the present General Assembly is unwieldy  
12 because of the House being based on two committees.

13 What kept going through my mind was why there  
14 could not be three or four or five. I notice the  
15 Eagleton Report which has just now been distributed to us  
16 on page 251 suggests the possibility of five committees  
17 in the House of Delegates.

18 I take cognizance of what has been said by  
19 Delegates Hanson and James with reference to shirking of  
20 responsibility and I will point out to you that the majority  
21 report provides that the General Assembly shall prescribe