

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to  
2 speak in opposition to the amendment?

3 Delegate Gallagher.

4 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, Ladies  
5 and Gentlemen of the Committee:

6 This amendment seeks to perpetuate the status  
7 quo. The status quo was arrived at in fits and patches,  
8 as a result of the reapportionment decision involving  
9 the Maryland representation committee. I think it has been  
10 abundantly made clear by the testimony which we have had  
11 before us that the status quo is not satisfactory.

12 Admittedly the reapportioned General Assembly  
13 did an excellent job during the 1967 meeting, but it is  
14 quite evident that this reapportioned legislature can do  
15 an even more effective job with a smaller number.

16 I resubmit that the figures of 35 and 105 are  
17 the ideal, and therefore, Mr. Chairman, I would oppose  
18 this amendment because if we come down here and do  
19 nothing more than raise our rubber stamps and say Yea  
20 for what already exists, we certainly haven't shown much  
21 imagination or ingenuity or initiative.