

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Does anybody else desire to
2 speak in favor of the amendment?

3 DELEGATE DORSEY: Mr. Chairman.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dorsey.

5 DELEGATE DORSEY: Mr. President, I was a member
6 of this body in the session of 1931 and 1933, when the
7 population of this State was just a little over a million
8 people. The membership of this house then was 123. My
9 good friend, Glem Beall, and Stuart Bushong, who were members
10 of the General Assembly at that time, will testify that it
11 operated in an efficient manner and was not unwieldy.

12 Now that the population of this State has more
13 than tripled, the leadership here now is trying to reduce
14 the membership even lower than it was when there were only
15 a little over a million people in this State.

16 You have called, Mr. President, to the atten-
17 tion of this body what happened in New York yesterday.
18 If we want to present to the people of this State a
19 draft which they can vote for, we should not deny them a
20 voice in representative government.

21 If you reduce this number to that brought in