

1 I see no great magic in continuing the present number.
2 I see great value in not discombobulating the other parts
3 of the Constitution in order to continue the present number
4 which was arrived at by happenstance and under the court
5 gun. I suggest we vote against this amendment.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak
7 in favor of the amendment?

8 Delegate Kiefer.

9 DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. President, I hesitate
10 as a delegate from that small county known as Baltimore County
11 to get involved in this kind of an argument. There are
12 several things that occur to me to be important:

13 One, I sense a distinct state of unhappiness
14 on the part of those people from small rural areas.
15 I frankly have sympathy for them because we are making
16 a constitution for the entire State of Maryland.

17 I also note that the figure of 105 delegates
18 and 35 senators was a compromise suggestion arrived at
19 after serious hard debate. However, I have also heard the
20 statement made by the Chairman of the Committee on several
21 occasions that the legislature during the last session