

1 other sections which I have referred to, although with
2 a somewhat lesser import.

3 The majority recommendation abolishes the
4 historic Maryland constitutional majority requirement in
5 voting for the passage of bills.

6 This requirement has been in the Maryland Con-
7 stitution since Maryland has had a Constitution, and it
8 has required the vote of a majority of the members of the
9 House, or the Senate, as the case may be, for the passage
10 of a bill.

11 The majority recommendation proposes that a bill
12 shall be passed by a majority of the members present and
13 voting. The minority does not believe that in a Senate
14 of 40 people and a House of 120 people, 11 people in the
15 Senate and 31 people in the House should be able to pass
16 bills of the magnitude which the budget of Maryland has
17 reached at this point, so that 11 Senators and 31 Delegates
18 could pass a billed budget. This is not government by
19 majority of elected representatives. This is government
20 by minority. This is not only a departure from the tradi-
21 tion of Maryland, but this is departure from the practice