

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clark.

2 DELEGATE CLARK: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and
3 Gentlemen of the Convention, I arise to support the minority
4 report.

5 It seems to me that the more recent leadership
6 of the General Assembly of Maryland and the membership also
7 has been making some progress to improve the image of the
8 General Assembly in the eyes of the people of Maryland,
9 and I think that the proposal of the committee would set
10 the stage for a situation that would probably make it more
11 difficult for us to proceed along these lines.

12 It seems to me that this is sort of an irrespon-
13 sible proposal that the committee has come forward with.
14 We in Maryland have gotten along very well under a Consti-
15 tutional majority. We are used to it. Any bill that
16 cannot receive 61 votes in the House, the new House, and
17 21 votes in the Senate, perhaps should not become a law
18 of Maryland.

19 The people deserve to have confidence in their
20 laws, and if you set the stage where laws can be passed
21 without a majority, then I think the people will lose