

1 became necessary for us to get the constitutional majority.
2 That majority was one short of that required, and despite
3 the best interests and efforts of the State Police and all
4 the militia of Maryland to locate the missing delegate who
5 was supposed to be planting tomato crops at a late hour
6 after the sun had gone down on his farm, and was in fact
7 hidden away quietly in his house, a very significant bill
8 failed of passage as a result of a stay-at-home vote, which
9 was in effect, of course, a no vote. I submit to you the
10 State of Maryland, the people of Maryland would have been
11 far better off had we not had a constitutional majority
12 required, because the reapportionment was a bloody battle
13 to say the least; some of the scars which the members of
14 this Convention bear will indicate this. I would say
15 simply this: That if we have faith in a General Assembly,
16 we will have faith in a quorum of the General Assembly.
17 If we are going to have controversial bills, people are
18 going to turn out to vote for them. Certainly everyone
19 knows when you have a routine matter and a non-routine
20 matter, I submit to you that the leadership or the chair-
21 man of any committee will only fail in this respect once,