

1 there always is, which resists a majority recommendation
2 of the committee there is a constant reference and allusion
3 to the historic traditions, requirements and body, present
4 to the present and past constitutions of Maryland. I know
5 at least the primary mover of this amendment has often voted
6 to remove things that have been embraced in the ivy halls
7 of tradition of past constitutions. I would suggest to him
8 that this is not a case where he should change really his
9 past voting record.

10 The majority of the committee did not consider
11 this as any great significant change in the protection of
12 the rights of the people. We considered this simply as a
13 method for simplifying the procedures when the legislative
14 halls of the State Government, and here in Annapolis.

15 The Chairman of the Committee has already re-
16 ferred to the record around the states and I think that
17 record has been a little bit distorted by the minority
18 report. It is true that 26 states require a majority of
19 the members elected to each house, but there are 11 states
20 that don't even have a requirement in the Constitution at
21 all, majority or just a majority of those present; five