

1 congressional path, in which the quorum rule promotes
2 absenteeism. We certainly do not want to be in a situation
3 where 435 member house is passing legislation with 140 mem-
4 bers voting for it. This certainly is not a good thing.
5 The people of America really don't know and don't comprehend
6 the absenteeism that exists in Congress. It is one of the
7 worst things about the Federal Government, this type of
8 absenteeism.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: You have a quarter of a minute.

10 DELEGATE JAMES: We don't want to promote this
11 type of thing in Maryland. We want to adhere to a rule which
12 promotes attendance and which requires people to attend, or
13 requires the majority membership.

14 I would like to call your attention to one
15 point. Under one of these sections a member could be ex-
16 pelled with three-fifths of a quorum so that you would be
17 expelling people under one of these proposals without the
18 necessity of a majority vote.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

20 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I yield the
21 remaining three minutes to Delegate Hanson.