

1 as important as what is accomplished on the floor?

2 DELEGATE JAMES: I would say you are absolutely
3 correct, but this would not help that situation one bit --
4 the procedure of holding a bill in the committee.

5 However, in defense of the legislative procedure
6 I can say this to you, that the General Assembly in Mary-
7 land is not like Congress in that it is very easy to get
8 a bill out of committee for a vote on the floor, even
9 though there is an unfavorable report.

10 The Congressional policy sets up all sorts of
11 roadblocks to having a bill come out of the committee in
12 the face of unfavorable committee action. It may even
13 do so in the face of an unfavorable attitude of a committee
14 chairman.

15 In the General Assembly of Maryland in both
16 houses it is very easy to get a bill on the floor, even
17 in the face of unfavorable committee action.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

19 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Is it not equally true that
20 the members of the General Assembly have been known not
21 only to see to it, when they were ill-disposed toward a