

1 bill that it might be taken up in committee when there
2 were only a few persons present, but also on some occa-
3 sions, some of the chairmen have refused to bring up the
4 bill for consideration by the committee, so you never
5 get an opportunity to get a vote on it?

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

7 DELEGATE JAMES: I would have to answer that
8 question by saying the committee chairman in the General
9 Assembly of Maryland has a relatively weak position compared
10 with the Congressional system. The majority of the
11 committee simply can tell the committee chairman what to do
12 in the General Assembly of Maryland, and that is an absolute
13 fact. He may be persuasive and have certain persuasive
14 authority, but the majority rules in those committees.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate have
16 questions for the sponsor of the amendment?

17 Delegate Koss.

18 DELEGATE KOSS: Delegate James, isn't it true
19 that the committees of the General Assembly have the
20 authority at any point to declare either an executive ses-
21 sion or to specifically ask certain people to leave?