

1 consideration to be the substantially equal representation,
2 and the due regard to natural boundaries and the
3 boundaries of political subdivisions, to be of less
4 consequence than the attempts to achieve substantially
5 equal representation.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke.

7 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Thank you. I was not
8 aware of the amendment. Thank you for calling it to my
9 attention.

10 I would like to phrase one further point with
11 regard to this.

12 In the present Congressional redistricting drawn
13 by the District Court, and I am familiar with it, as some
14 of the suggestions I made are in there, one of them in par-
15 ticular relates to the Beltway around the city of Balti-
16 more, and there, Mr. Chairman, the Beltway of the City
17 of Baltimore or around the City of Baltimore forms the
18 boundary for certain of the metropolitan Congressional
19 districts.

20 Would you not permit in your language such artifi-
21 cial boundaries to be used in Congressional redistricting?