

1 We have examined the Rules of the State Senate. We have
2 examined the Rules of the House of Delegates, and they
3 provide no guarantee at all that a Minority Report
4 will be printed, and certainly not the guarantee that Rule
5 28 provides, namely, that the Minority Report will receive
6 equal treatment with the Majority Report. Even in the
7 United States Congress, while the Minority has the guaran-
8 tee that their report will be printed, there is no guaran-
9 tee of any particular layover, except in the case of
10 appropriation bills, before the Committee of the Whole
11 can take it up; so the Rules as they stand now, the
12 Rules of the Convention as they are now drafted in our
13 opinion are very liberal and reasonably flexible in their
14 protection of the Minority rights. Indeed, if we imposed
15 a five day requirement that was applicable to both
16 Majority and Minority, it could be argued that if the
17 Minority didn't get its report up in five days, they were
18 out of court, so to speak.

19 Finally, in the event that for reasons
20 which we cannot anticipate now, a Minority Report was not
21 printed in time to be considered when the Committee of