

DELEGATE JAMES: I did not write the Minority Report, so I am not prepared to back up that particular point. However, I can cite you the fact that the California legislature is regarded by observers in the political world of state governments as probably the most progressive and best organized state legislature in the United States. I think I can say that on the basis of my readings and from listening to Speaker Unruh and knowing what is going on in state legislatures in this country. I think that generally is an accepted fact.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: You understand that in California the citizens voted on a fair housing proposal to make it illegal; and of course in the State of Maryland just recently, in the last session of the General Assembly, the Senate and House passed a limited fair housing law to cover new housing in the State of Maryland. And, of course, what has California done in the area of housing?

DELEGATE JAMES: California is an area in which there are many radical groups. I think in this area Maryland may be ahead of California. The argument you are making is really an argument against the initiative, because—

THE CHAIRMAN: I think Delegate Taylor is asking a question.

DELEGATE JAMES: I understand. I am answering it. I would say the question relates basically to the question of whether you should have the initiative. California has the initiative, and the problem about which you speak was generated, not by the legislature, but by the procedure of the initiative, in which the people put a law on the ballot and adopted it without the participation of the California legislature.

That was the problem there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

*(There was no response.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: If not, while Delegate James returns to his seat to present an amendment, I would like to make two announcements.

We are honored today to have in the gallery the Honorable Stanford Hoff, former senator, and also a member of the Constitutional Convention Commission, and in addition, a delegation from Washington County, including Mr. William Donaldson, a member of the House of Delegates.

We are delighted to have all of you here.

*(Applause.)*

The Chair recognizes Delegate James for the purpose of offering an amendment, or will it be offered by Delegate Clark?

This will be Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation LB-1.

Please strike out the printed words "To Amendment No."

The clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, by Delegates Clark, Hanson, Hopkins and Solins: On pages 1 and 2 of Committee Recommendation LB-1 strike all of section 3.04 "Composition of the Legislature" and insert in lieu thereof the following section: "Section 3.04. Composition of the Legislature

The number of members of each house of the legislature shall be as prescribed by law, but the number of delegates shall not exceed eighty and the number of senators shall be one half the number of delegates. Each delegate shall represent one delegate district and each senator shall represent one senate district. Each senate district shall be composed of two whole delegate districts."

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair was, of course, in error in announcing that this was Amendment No. 2. It is Amendment No. 3. Please mark this Amendment No. 3. Is the amendment seconded?

*(Whereupon, the amendment was seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, I move that the proposed amendment be divided, by dividing the question in line 12, at the end of the word "delegates," so that the Committee of the Whole will have before it simply at this particular time the question of the 40-80 numerical composition and will not have before it on the vote the question of the single-member districts.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair would be disposed to rule that this would still be two separate distinct questions.

Do the sponsors agree?

DELEGATE JAMES: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment No. 3, then, will be divided. The question now be-