

the county boundaries will go out of existence, or be obliterated, as such.

It is only an expectation of outfitting and equipping two different bodies to meet different responsibilities.

I think the move in the direction of the 40-80 is in the right direction to accomplish that separation.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Pullen to speak against. Before you start to speak, may I call to the attention of the Delegates that the total time allowed for this portion of debate is only twenty minutes, and although the limitation for a member is five minutes, it would be better if you each of you would keep below the five-minute limit if possible.

Delegate Pullen?

DELEGATE PULLEN: All I need, sir, is thirty seconds.

Parochialism is a state of mind and not one of geography. I would like to support the comments of Delegate Sherbow, but I would like to call your attention primarily to the fact that this amendment does not call for 40-80. Theoretically, you could have a General Assembly composed of two senators, or two representatives and one senator.

In other words, the size of the House and of the Senate is left to the General Assembly, and does not necessarily mean 40 and 80.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

Delegate Henderson?

DELEGATE HENDERSON: I shall be very brief. I simply want to agree with Judge Sherbow's statement that the most desirable thing is to have contact between the legislature and the constituents and the voters of the state.

One thing I have observed over the years is that matters are not debated in the General Assembly on the floor. Matters are handled in committee, and the only people really who speak on the floor after the noses have been counted are those who are showing off or have no hope of winning in a debate.

I think the situation in this assembly is quite different, and I believe that by cutting down the size of the General Assembly, public debate on the floor and therefore

public interest and contact with the voters will be greatly enhanced.

For that reason, among others, including all the excellent reasons stated by Senator James, I would favor 80 over 105.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do any further delegates desire to speak against?

Delegate Della?

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I find myself being opposed to the amendment offered by the President of the Senate and his colleague for several reasons. First of all, we have heard in the committee room that by 1970, ten counties, small counties, will be without representation. With our present figure of 143, or 105, rather, I beg your pardon, those ten counties must look to someone for representation. If we reduce 105 to 80, I do not know how many small counties will be included and added to those ten by 1970 under the figure of 105.

We had testimony in the Committee by the Speaker of the House that the present number of the House is a workable unit. We heard testimony about the editorials in the Star and the Post and the Baltimore Sun that the session just passed was workable and recognized as a legitimate legislature, and one that we should be proud of in the State of Maryland.

Unfortunately, I do not understand some of the testimony that was given, or some of the arguments made yesterday, that we do not know what is happening to bills. I served with a blind man from Allegany County who knew where the bills were, and I am sure that anyone with good sight can look at the dockets and find out where a bill is at any given time.

I certainly disagree with the delegate from Anne Arundel County that no debate is effective on the floor. Apparently he has never seen the Senate in action. If he has, he may have been in the category of the delegate from Allegany County, who could not see. He certainly could have heard.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, we are playing a numbers game. What number is suitable to represent the State of Maryland? It is 80-40, 105, 135, 120-40?

I saw fit to go on two minority reports, only because I recognize that the small counties must have some representation. They have added to the history of the State of Maryland, and if we are to ignore them just because we come from a large district,