

or a large county and we have the votes, we are dictating what the small county is going to be and how it is going to be represented and that the large county will represent the small one.

My friends, I think we are going about this in the wrong way. I think the small counties need representation. They have added something to the State of Maryland. I hope this amendment is defeated.

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

Do you desire to speak in favor, Delegate Fornos?

**DELEGATE FORNOS:** Yes.

**THE CHAIRMAN:** You may proceed.

**DELEGATE FORNOS:** Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee of the Whole:

I think the vote in favor of retaining the large house is a vote in favor of machine politics. It is only machine politics which rear its head and offers manipulation when you have a large body, as we are confronted with at the moment in the House of Delegates.

When you take a look at the House as it is constituted today, many a member loses his individuality through block voting by delegations and through manipulation of large block votes that are sent down to the legislature by party bosses back home in their districts, party bosses who are able to raise large coffers of money and elect their tickets wholesale.

I do not think that any honest, dedicated, sincere individual running for a seat in a small or large assembly has to fear a lack of money if he is willing to give the people service as he runs and seeks their help to get him elected.

Again let me stress, I feel very strongly that a vote for a large house is a vote for machine politics.

**THE CHAIRMAN:** Does any other delegate desire to speak against the amendment?

Delegate Neilson.

**DELEGATE NEILSON:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I rise to speak in opposition to the amendment.

Committee Recommendation LB-1 really was a compromise of a running up and down the scale from a low number to a

high number, but the result of the Committee deliberation was not necessarily the middle ground or the half-way mark. The figure that was pulled out of the hat, so to speak, is a deliberate figure, based on a ratio of three-to-one; on the 40-80 you have two-to-one ratio.

Most of us agreed in the Committee that the time was past to permit each county to have its own individual representative. It was believed that with the number on a three-to-one basis the representation would be extended through the districts to the farthest point, to the smallest county that we could possibly get and yet not let the House and the Senate become too large.

The question that was raised at one time was that with this smaller number, or the number at 105-35, who would be represented—people or counties?

I believe, as others do, that the legislators here in Annapolis should represent people, and consequently, carrying it countywise would not make any difference in making up the district. It is my feeling that the three-to-one ratio is the key point in deciding the size and the makeup of the legislature.

It is possible, with the recommendation, to have a smaller House than 105. It is also possible to have a smaller Senate. The language of the section merely places a maximum of 35-105.

I urge again that the three-to-one ratio should be kept, and consequently, I urge you to oppose the amendment.

Thank you.

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

Delegate Boyce.

**DELEGATE BOYCE:** Mr. President, I think the members of this august body from Baltimore City and perhaps even from Baltimore County are in somewhat of a hot seat on this subject. We have seen a lot of maneuvering going on in the hope that the 40-80 would be turned down, and that in turn the single district would be turned down; but I for one feel very strongly, in the City of Baltimore, that the eight of us representing the third district should not all come from a section that is west of the Harford Road. There is a tremendous area to the east, and it should be represented in General Assemblies in the future. Unless we move to a situation where we have a smaller House of Delegates, and