

single member districts, we will not be able to see that, and therefore not only deny the good of this State, but the good of the City; and it bothers me somewhat when I see a man who has just the opposite point of view speak about small county representation, when what he is really worried about is control in Baltimore City.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Burgess.

DELEGATE BURGESS: I rise in opposition to the amendment, Mr. Chairman, and let me preface my remarks by saying I care not a rap for machine politics. I came down here to represent people, and that is what I propose to speak to. The basic question we are dealing with here is whether or not residents of certain counties are going to have real honest to God operative representation. Quite frankly, were I a resident of a western county or an eastern county, neither of which I reside in, I would give serious thought to secession from the State of Maryland and hope for annexation with one of our sister states, because, quite frankly, a resident of Garrett County can look forward to being represented hopefully by one member of the House of Delegates in conjunction with a representative or partial representative of one other county, hopefully—and at best, only hopefully.

These people in the eastern shore counties and the western counties contribute not only to recreational areas and our recreational enjoyment, but our economic development, too. I think they are entitled to some realistic form of representation, and not this token representation which they would have by an 80 member House of Delegates.

I say to you in all sincerity that they make a real contribution. We penalize them as a State, for example, by acquiring a disproportionate number of, for example, State forests, as are plentiful in Garrett County. We have a superabundance of Bay bridges proposed so that we can get to the eastern counties, but we do not live there. We only enjoy what these people provide.

It is now suggested that they should have what is at best a token representation, and, ladies and gentlemen, I say this is unfair. It is almost unbelievable to think that we would reduce this to a situation where we have a name and hopefully part of a warm body to represent a large portion of our population.

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

Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

It is unfortunate that on this particular subject the question of county versus people representation should be interjected because I think that everybody here concedes that whichever way we go there is no longer any possibility of county representation. If we go to 105 we are going to get down to the same lack of county representation that we would have with 80. I think also that the question of better representation of the people in a House consisting of 80 versus a House consisting of 105 is difficult to measure.

It may be that, by having fewer constituents in the 105 man House, you will possibly have better contact with your voters, but eventually, as the population of this State increases, you are going to find that you have one for 50,000, one for 75,000, one for 100,000. Inevitably the number of people that you represent is going to go up and up and up, regardless of the size.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke, there is just one-half minute of time left.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Thank you.

It seems to me that the question is one of organization in the House. I think that Delegate James put his finger on it very neatly when he said the leadership controls much more strongly in a large house, and in a smaller house every man has a better and more able voice. That I think is the key, and that has been my experience as a legislator, as well as Senator James.

THE CHAIRMAN: The time fixed for debate having expired, the question arises on the adoption of the first portion of Amendment No. 3, to Committee Recommendation LB-1 the first portion being the first sentence as printed on lines 8 down to and including the third word in line 12 of Amendment No. 3.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the adoption of the amendment, a vote in favor of 40-80. A vote No is a vote against the amendment, a vote in favor of the Committee Recommendation of 35-105. The Chair will have a roll call vote.

Are you ready for the question? (*Call for the question.*) A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment, 40-80. A vote No,