

be any number of condidates who are willing to try it.

*(Laughter)*

I say this with all the love in my heart for him, as you know, Mr. President.

*(Laughter)*

I was in his corner. But if he feels he is unable to do the job, somebody else will volunteer. It will not be me, of course.

If you cut this thing down to the bare bones for the purpose of efficiency, you are going to cut us out of the picture. A long time ago in England, when the Parliament first came into being, it talked about communities of interest, people of a certain interest having some representation. That is what we are fighting for. We are, as you know, successors to the English Parliament. We are fighting for some representation in this General Assembly. One man, one vote. Let me tell you one thing. I have said this in the Committee, somebody reminded me I forgot to say this this morning, you city people are going to have a hard time eating bricks and cement.

*(Laughter)*

You may laugh. Very true. You may laugh. But I represent one of those small groups that still feeds you folks and I hope to keep on doing it, Mr. President. But when you cut us down to the bare bones, you are cutting us out of consideration almost completely.

Any number of people talked here today. I am not talking about county lines. Nobody has ever said I have talked about county lines. I think it would be nice for us to continue to have our traditional county lines, but I am talking about communities of interest. When you cut us to the bare bone, you are cutting agriculture almost out of the picture.

You are cutting Tidewater almost out of this picture. A lot of you like to eat fish and crabs. I do not intend to talk like a Goldstein now. Do whatever you want, Mr. President. We will do the best we can, and if it does not exactly suit our appetite, thank God for the American people, especially the people of Maryland.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Will Delegate Malkus yield to a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MALKUS: You know, Mr. President, this does indeed frighten me, but—*(laughter)*—I will yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: You may proceed, Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Knowing his fearless nature, I know he is not frightened. Would this proposal give the Senate the axe? Would it cut the Senate almost of necessity? You read this closely and I think you will find that.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Now, Mr. President, this in all probability—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, you have thirty seconds.

*(Laughter)*

DELEGATE MALKUS: This, in all probability, would help me because it would throw me into an area that maybe I am a little bit better known in. But I am not here for that, Mr. President. I am here to represent the area, a real rural area and I hope that it is not a sin.

I am serious. Being a conservative—I hope that does not make me a conservative.

I guess my thirty seconds are up. Starting to go out to sea, now, ladies and gentlemen, starting to have a little fun here.

I hope sincerely you will give some consideration to the real rural areas. You will have to keep this House and Senate large in order for us to even have a squeaky voice.

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

DELEGATE WHITE: Will Delegate Malkus yield?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus has used his time. He has no time to yield.

DELEGATE MALKUS: You are most kind. Thank you very much.

*(Laughter)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Does Delegate Bard desire to speak in opposition to the amendment?

DELEGATE BARD: I should like to speak in opposition to the amendment and to give the delegates the benefit of my only experiences with it rather briefly. When one first looks at the amendment, it looks good because it promises so much to so