

many. But the more one studies it, as I have, after first reflection, one recognizes that it has inherently within it a goodly number of elements to keep the status quo exactly as it is.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is slightly less than three minutes of uncontrolled debate left. Does Delegate Pullen desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

DELEGATE PULLEN: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Proceed.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I intended to vote for this because it seemed to me to be a deliberate attempt to keep government close to the people. The essence of democracy lies in settling our problems locally and knowing the people we vote for.

I testify after over three decades of contact with the legislature that 150 nor even 180 representatives do not frighten me because I have always known what was going on and they were pretty generally courteous and kind and considerate. I think we are dealing here with some mathematical figures that really do not mean too much.

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

Delegate Murray?

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: Mr. Chairman, it is unthinkable that in remedying one inescapable situation we will leave about one-third of our counties without representation in a foreseeable time. I do not know that the bill on the floor is an answer. I certainly doubt that it is an answer. But I make this as a general statement that I do not think we can, while this is a part of our responsibility, cure one evil and dare go home creating and leaving the other in existence.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair will recognize Delegate Gilchrist to speak in favor of the amendment for the remaining time which is one minute.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. I should like to comment only on a couple of things mentioned in the course of the debate. One is the mention of the warfare between the House and the Senate. I suggest there is no more warfare inherent in this proposal than in the other. In fact, I suggest that cutting to 105 produces far more warfare than this.

I suggest if the Senate and the House

of Delegates cannot get along between themselves with respect to this, they cannot get along between themselves with respect to the other.

They have the job of reapportioning themselves and properly so. They have the job of policing themselves. They have the job of trying to create that which they started to create last year under a reapportioned legislature.

It was our feeling in the legislative branch that we were trying to strengthen the legislature of the State of Maryland. I do not believe you can strengthen it at the expense of either branch. To suggest, as the proposal does, that we eliminate a few senators and a great many delegates does nothing toward strengthening the legislature.

THE CHAIRMAN: The time has expired. Time for debate having expired, the question arises upon the adoption of the first portion of Amendment No. 5 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, the first portion being lines 8 to 17 and the first two words of line 18. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the adoption of that portion of the Amendment No. 5. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

*(Roll call)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Have all delegates voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 58 votes in the affirmative and 78 in the negative, the motion is lost. That portion of the amendment is rejected.

Does Delegate Gilchrist, in view of the action on the first portion of the divided question, desire to withdraw the second portion?

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: At this time I will withdraw the second portion of the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: The second portion of the divided question having been withdrawn, the amendment fails.

That concludes consideration of the minority reports with respect to section 3.04.

Section 3.04 is still before you for further amendment if there is any further amendment.