

recognizing moreover that there was another 30 per cent of the work load to be done, it appeared we should have at least another third over and above the total in the House Judiciary and Ways and Means. We arrived at the figure of 35 and 105 on those multiples, taking the committee workload potentialities into consideration.

As I said before, there is no magic about the numbers of 35 and 105, but there certainly is great justification for it.

If someone wanted to argue two or three in any direction I could not say they were wrong. I simply say we felt we were compelled, and I believe rightly so, to address ourselves to the question of the proper number, and we believe that we have in this house at this moment a majority of the members who will agree to vote for 35 and 105. That is the science. call it what you will, by which we arrived at the figures.

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

Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: I would like to ask —

THE CHAIRMAN: You have been recognized; let me see if anybody else desires to speak.

DELEGATE GRANT: I wish to address a question to Delegate Hanson.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson, will you yield for a question?

DELEGATE HANSON: Yes, sir, I yield for a question.

DELEGATE GRANT: Delegate Hanson, you described in detail how they arrived at the figures in the Maryland legislature. However, yesterday, you were urging on us unicameralism and it was described in detail how the State of Nebraska arrived at unicameralism. In both cases perhaps the means were disreputable, but do you consider that necessarily makes the end disreputable?

DELEGATE HANSON: I have not yet fully considered Nebraska history as accurate as the Maryland history which I just represented. I think there were some other factors that were involved.

Now that the unicameral question has been resolved by this house, by this Committee of the Whole, I think the question

now before us is the proper composition of the Maryland General Assembly. To my mind, if we cannot have unicameralism the report of the Committee is by far the best alternative which has been presented to this body.

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

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Mr. Chairman, let us not be so distrustful of legislative bodies. Yesterday, the City of Baltimore elected eighteen members to its City Council. Four years ago we elected twenty members to the same City Council. It was through an ordinance submitted to the City of Baltimore which enabled the City to reduce its Council size, reduce the size from twenty to eighteen. This was done by the body itself plus the voters of the City of Baltimore. I do not know that we have to distrust them to the point where we are afraid of what they might do in the future.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak against the amendment? Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak in opposition to the amendment. Much has been said here about the impact of our action here today in terms of ratification of the Constitution. As I look upon this amendment, I think it freezes into the Constitution the status quo. If that is so, it makes a mockery of our whole effort here, and we need not worry about ratification by the people because in fact they will have the same document we come out with if they do not ratify our words. Thank you.

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

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, I simply desire to make one observation. I just took a look at the vote on the roll call on Amendment 5. I find that of the people who have expressed concern for small counties, their votes scarcely reflect that concern. Seven of the Senate votes which were cast against the amendment came from four counties and Baltimore City. I suspect that this may be a reflection of attitudes which we really should not have. I wonder whether there is not some method of solving the dilemma which will permit this constitution to go forward with a little more unanimous support than it is apparently going to produce.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other dele-