

or Prince Georges or Montgomery County, would have the same total impact with his vote when he voted for a member of the General Assembly as anyone else throughout the State of Maryland.

We tried to balance representational government with effective government. This represents our best efforts. We have come before you in the spirit of compromise within the Committee because it is the only way we know to get the job done and to get the proposition on the floor for the full consideration of this Committee of the Whole.

We have done our best. We believe that the numbers while not having the force of eternal verity, at the same time certainly represent the best we can see over the long pull.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to Committee Recommendation LB-1.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6. A vote No is a vote against.

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

Cast your vote.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

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. The amendment is rejected. For what purpose does Delegate Chabot rise?

DELEGATE CHABOT: If I am recognized, I rise to offer, Amendment CD.

THE CHAIRMAN: What amendment is that?

DELEGATE CHABOT: I have been directed to designate as CD—shall I read the amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN: No. Just a second. The Clerk will read the amendment.

Amendment No. 7. Please strike out on the amendment the printed language, "to amend number".

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 7 to Committee Recommendation LB-1 by Delegate Chabot: On page 1 in section 3.04,

Composition of the Legislature line 24, strike out the words "one hundred five" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one hundred twenty-three".

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to the amendment?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

Delegate Clarke seconded. The Chair recognizes Delegate Chabot to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE CHABOT: This amendment would permit the House of Delegates to have 123 members and the Senate to have 41 members. I could say that this was derived so that the House could have four effective committees. I could say that 123 is somehow a magic number because for some number of years prior to 1962, it was a magic number.

But quite frankly and obviously this amendment is moved because it is hoped that we can arrive with some substantial majority support at a position. These figures are no more magic than the present figures. They are no more magic than the 105-35 figures. Nevertheless, they fit in with the basic plan of Committee Recommendation LB-1 with which I agree. They do no violence to any of the other parts of LB-1. And so that we may complete the discussion on this particular point, hopefully with some substantial majority, I urge this amendment to be adopted.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment? Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen of the Committee, this particular amendment does have the virtue of preserving the 3 to 1 ratio of 123 delegates, 41 senators.

I would say in opposition that I served in this General Assembly when the House was 123 and I will make the same observations I made before this. That is, simply, that if you are not on the Ways and Means Committee or the Judiciary Committee and that situation covered approximately half of the House, your full potential was certainly not employed and those not fortunate enough certainly felt they were not effective delegates, and they were not representational delegates. For this reason and for all the other reasons, I have summoned from time to time today in opposing the various amendments which I incorporate now by reference into my remarks, I would oppose this amendment.