

will not be represented, I think he is misinterpreting the objective in the original recommendation of the Committee. I would like to speak for the amendment to the amendment, which is a substitute for having three-to-one representation, three members from the House and one from the Senate, even though the number is 36 as against 35 and now 108 as against 105.

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

Delegate Mitchell.

DELEGATE MITCHELL: Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

We are happy to see in the front gallery 80 students from the Douglass Senior High School in Baltimore, with their teachers. I see one of them, Mrs. Lola Howard. We are happy to welcome their presence and their interest in this Convention.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are delighted to have them.

*(Applause.)*

Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Linton.

DELEGATE LINTON: Mr. Chairman, it is obvious that the figures that we are discussing here today did not come out of the air. I think the Clean Air Committee probably would have had that straightened out. The 105-35, I am afraid, was just a figure, and it came out of the air.

I would like to point out that our vote on this particular amendment is not contingent upon a fractional vote being assured in the next amendment. If it were I would perhaps support it myself.

We are living in a State that is geared to representation, and that even though 120 gives each county a delegate, or one more delegate, it will also result in creating districts for delegates to represent in those counties that are now districts within themselves. It becomes a little smaller and the actual proportion of representation is greater. It is a compromise, and is not much of a compromise. Delegate Hanson's arguments today pointed out the desirability of leaving the size of this legislature to be set by the legislature, or at least taking a realistic approach, one that had been studied and worked out thoroughly, as proposed by Delegate Gilchrist yesterday.

I could give you unlimited examples of the reaction of our State's bureaucratic form of government to the representatives of those various political subdivisions of this State, and the gentleman from Baltimore City who pointed out that they had not been treated fairly should go over this list of inequities that have existed and have them pointed out.

I would like to point out two of them. One of them is in aid to education, where for twenty years one of the largest and richest counties of this State received a windfall in aid to education because it had the votes there to keep it from being changed, and the first realistic approach to a tax based on the ability of a person to pay was passed in this legislature, after it had been increased in size.

I think if we are going to do anything for representation and a representative form of government, it should be in the area of increasing the size of the legislature from this 105-35. I, therefore, support Judge Sherbow's amendment, and I am opposed to the amendment of Delegate Bamberger.

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

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: One last word, Mr. Chairman.

Ladies and gentlemen, I intend to vote on Mr. Clark's amendment when it is offered for 36 and 108, and I should tell this committee that our own Committee of the Legislative Branch did consider the idea after our report had come upstairs and was favorably disposed toward it.

I should also like to say that we have before us the single member district question. I wish I could call it non-controversial, but I can not.

However, certainly the single member district theory has a great deal more to attract it to a larger—pardon me, to a smaller House and Senate, rather than to a larger. With those two things on the horizon, I have the feeling that we have about said everything that can be said.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: I offer these last words on the subject before you. I hope you will defeat the amendment to the amendment. However, I say this to you, that if you do defeat that amendment, and pass the amendment that I have offered,