

virtue of the multiple offices and the fact that there is a ticket every time there is an election.

My history, rather short, was that when I first became involved in politics I was informed that unless you were "on the old man's ticket" you didn't get elected; so the first time I ran, I ran on the old man's ticket and got elected.

Then a few years later, when we had sort of our parting of the ways—although personally we never had any problems—I used the wisdom that had been granted me and I put together a ticket, so that we would have a chance.

The history of our county—and I think in many other jurisdictions in the State—is that if you are not on a ticket, you do not have much of a chance.

Now, we have a three delegate district in Prince George's County, and during the last election one of the incumbents who ran, was not on the ticket, and the ticket that ran as a ticket won all three positions.

We had another Statewide office holder, or countywide office holder, who was quite popular, but for good and sufficient reason we decided that we did not want him on our ticket, and he did not win.

The only people who won in Prince George's County were those who were on tickets, whether they were on my ticket or the opposing ticket.

It seems to me that if we really want to give a realistic opportunity to a citizen to win who may not be particularly politically oriented, but may have something to contribute to his state we should not send him to whoever is masterminding the ticket for that area, whether it be for six, seven, eight or even three. I would suggest to you that whether political organizations are good or bad, whether they are machines or benevolent organization, as we have in Prince George's County, whatever they are, whatever their motive, as long as we create the situation of multiple districts for the same office, we give stature to those who work behind the scenes, those who contribute the funds for the campaign, and we actually insulate the people from their elected officials.

I have other reasons why I should support the single member district, but I thought that since I am one of the few politicians who admits it around here I ought to give you a lesson in politics.

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

Delegate Singer.

DELEGATE SINGER: I have a question of Delegate Rybczynski.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does Delegate Rybczynski yield for a question?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Singer.

DELEGATE SINGER: What is your specific intention: to limit a senate district, or rather to avoid the flexibility of the Case-Lord amendment, that the delegate district might have one, two, or three representatives? As I read your amendment it would restrict that operation or flexibility.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: That is right. One or three, since we have established the one-to-three ratio in the Senate and the House. That is true.

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

Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole:

The very object of our struggle here during most of this week has been to create a situation under which the people of this State could be favorably represented in their General Assembly. I think that no step that we could possibly take would make this more of a reality than to support the Committee in its proposal that we have single member districts, both for the House and for the Senate. Multi-member districts have many faults. We have heard the word visibility used here, and it is a good word. When there are three people running from a district, say of 100,000 people, a lot of visibility is lost. However, if three people are each running from a district of 33,000, there is a great deal of visibility, and this is good.

Another thing very much in favor of the smaller districts, under the 120-40 plan that we have adopted, would be House districts of about 33,000 and a Senate district of roughly 100,000.

I can see that if we have three delegates running together in a senatorial district of 100,000 people. However, a medium sized county, such as my own, which would be allotted two and two-tenths delegates,