gate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment to the amendment?

Delegate Bushong.

DELEGATE BUSHONG: Mr. Chairman, this Convention just forced the small counties into the legislative districts, and all of a sudden we come to Baltimore City which voted overwhelmingly in favor of this, that is, against the small counties, and now they have their problems, which also arise over the Supreme Court decision.

Now, I think it is high time that they take their medicine, along with the rest of us. Let's not bog down here on a lot of oratory about how 100,000 people are necessary before you can get good representation.

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

Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: Mr. Chairman, very briefly, I happened to come across in the National Scientific Review a comment which I think is very appropriate to Delegate Sherbow's comment. They say that the demand for a short ballot was indeed met. In this respect the plan even went beyond the expectations of the sponsoring group. Their editorial spokesman, the "Plain Dealer," which we know is a very respected and objective news journal, was soon to warn that no voice, not one voice in the legislature was heard to speak for the counties as a whole.

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

Delegate James Clark.

DELEGATE JAMES J. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I want to compliment the gentleman who just spoke, Delegate Bushong. He said more in a few words than perhaps most of us are capable of doing.

Another way of putting it is those who say you have to have 100,000 people to be able to intelligently send people to the House of Delegates do not trust the people. I think we can take 33,000 people in any portion of this State and they can find decent people, capable people, people whom they know, and candidates who know the people. This is a two-way street.

I think in the long run this is the tool that we will use to get the best representation.

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

Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Please, don't divide Frederick County.

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

Delegate Singer.

DELEGATE SINGER: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak against the amendment.

I would suggest that the essential merit of the Lord case is the flexibility it provides. I believe that the amendment by Delegate Rybczynski would destroy that very flexibility. The memorandum by the Committee in support of its recommendation of single-member districts cites two goals to be achieved: The first is to shorten the legislative ballot, and second, to shorten the lines of legislative responsibility.

I believe both benefits are gained in large measure without sacrifice of flexibility by adoption of the provision allowing one-to-three delegates in a district. We have heard many claims as to the merits of the single-member districts. I am still unconvinced that the concept of a single-member district contains the merits to make it work. To me the proof is lacking. To divide Baltimore City into 30 provinces is to my mind a step backward, not an advancement toward more effective government.

I urge you to vote against the Rybczynski amendment and in favor of the Case-Lord amendment.

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

Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: I am going to vote in favor of the amendment, hoping that later it might be reconsidered. The virtue of the Case-Lord amendment is that it does not require three member districts or one, but allows for the possibility that the two member district might be adequate. I think at this time it is best to vote in favor of the Case-Lord amendment, and hopefully I can come back and perhaps add a little bit of flexibility later.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Hopkins to speak in opposition to the amendment to the amendment, and before she speaks, wishes to announce