

1 You just have to decide whether you accept this.

2 The facts that compare Nebraska with other
3 states just do not exist and separations as to how much
4 this happens in Nebraska because of unicameralism, how
5 much is due to nonpartisanship is again not clear. So,
6 we have a series of claims here which you have to evaluate.

7 I just want to point out that these are not
8 demonstrable in terms of what I would consider real solid
9 studies.

10 The thing that I think is pertinent here, what
11 I thought was quite helpful, at least to me, was that in
12 terms of Maryland history, that Maryland first came to
13 bicameralism as a vehicle for obtaining more popular
14 participation in the government, not as a check on popular
15 participation. The statement is often made that we picked
16 up bicameralism as a check on the wishes of the masses,
17 or both, and this just isn't true as far as Maryland is
18 concerned; and I suspect it is not historically true as
19 far as other colonies are concerned, but in Maryland we
20 had the second chamber, the lower chamber, in order to
21 have an independence from the Governor. The Governor