

1 bicameralism -- we'll start off with the arguments for the
2 retention of bicameralism.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: That is on Page 3.

4 DR. MICHENER: Yes, Page 3. The arguments have
5 been that the upper house presents a vehicle for repre-
6 sentation of other interests, for the property classes,
7 and some of the material Mr. Brooks just sent out reflects
8 this; that the early senators in the State of Maryland had
9 to have 1,000 pounds and be property owners, so that they
10 would be there to prevent the popular groups, the masses
11 from overwhelming the Legislature.

12 MR. SCANLAN: Dr. Michener, has this argument
13 seriously been advanced as a justification for bicameralism
14 in 100 years?

15 DR. MICHENER: No, I don't think so, and as I
16 say --

17 MR. SCANLAN: Woodrow Wilson in his book, The
18 State, in 1896, pointed out that the bicameral justifica-
19 tion was not based on principle, but expedience, tempering
20 legislation. He has about just as good justification for
21 it as I have ever seen, but this argument, number one,