

1 United States for bicameralism; that in the upper chambers
2 we could have representation on a county basis, for example,
3 a geographical basis. This, of course, is no longer a
4 tenable argument at the present time.

5 Then we get to the other arguments, that a
6 second chamber provides a check on popular passions,
7 popular wishes. The term popular passions, or the word
8 passion has a connotation of something undesirable.

9 There is the argument that a second chamber
10 gives a thorough review to legislation. It is a revising
11 chamber. You can look at it, prevent hastily and ill-
12 advised legislation.

13 Skipping down some of these to the more impor-
14 tant ones, an argument is made on lobbying and corruption;
15 that with two chambers, it is harder for legislators to
16 be reached either by a lobbyist or by someone trying to
17 corrupt the Legislature. You have two opportunities to
18 make sure the legislation is in good form.

19 The other argument made strongly for bicameral-
20 ism is that this works, we've had experience with it,
21 everyone understands it. There is no reason to throw it