

1 over for something else unless the other alternative is
2 clearly demonstrated to be superior; in other words, you
3 have a system that should be continued.

4 Now, as I mentioned before, these claims are
5 generally made. There is no documentation for them that
6 I have found.

7 Now, the unicameralists make their attack on
8 three grounds. First, they deny practically every claim
9 that is made for bicameralism. They make a plea for their
10 own system on its merits and then they try to refute
11 criticisms levied against the unicameral system.

12 On the argument that bicameralism provides a
13 check on popular wishes and popular passions, the argument
14 here is made on a philosophical ground, that a legislature
15 is set up to represent the wishes of the majority of the
16 population and a check on that wish, just to have a check,
17 is undesirable; that this is undemocratic and that a check,
18 as such, is not something we should want. A check, if it
19 is to be there, should be to protect the interests of
20 someone in the society, some vested rights -- I won't say
21 vested rights -- some interests and, if we want to provide