

1 is extremely slight.

2 A study was made some years ago of the Maryland  
3 situation to check what actually happens on the floor as  
4 compared to what the committees have brought in and the  
5 amount of change in legislation which comes about on the  
6 floor of the house or senate is relatively negligible.  
7 So that they accept the committee report. If they accept  
8 a committee report of a joint committee, then they have  
9 gotten rid of their claim that they get a new and fresh  
10 look at it.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

12 DR. MICHENER: Another attack was made on  
13 bicameralism is the fact that with two houses you get  
14 rivalry between them, and I cited here it is well known  
15 and a recent example was between the house and senate  
16 appropriations committee, where the Federal propositions  
17 were held up for a number of days because the two chairmen  
18 couldn't agree as to which side they were going to sit on.

19 One of the serious objections to bicameralism  
20 is the two chambers, conference committee, prevents the  
21 electorate from knowing who was actually responsible for