

1 they had the power of legislation. Historically, we may
2 have adopted some of our second houses as a way of getting
3 more representation, but at least the theoretical argu-
4 ments were at the time in terms of protecting ourselves
5 against popular passions, which leads me to think there
6 is still something to the first defense of bicameralism
7 as a protection for the property classes, because politics
8 is still a matter of taking from some people and giving to
9 other people, and those that have are usually the ones
10 that are not particularly interested in active government
11 and those that don't have tend to be the driving force for
12 governmental action in our time.

13 I think -- these are a lot of disjointed state-
14 ments, but these have been building up as I have been
15 listening to the previous comments. I think you are
16 going to be terribly disappointed if you seek to find
17 data, empirical data that will support or clearly differ-
18 entiate these issues. I think you are going to end up
19 having to make some kind of decision on this on the basis
20 of perhaps theory.

21 When our government was set up, the dominant