

1 in, don't be too disturbed.

2 Senator James, would you like to get us
3 started on Question 1?

4 SENATOR JAMES: Of course, this is the \$64
5 question, should we have a bicameral or unicameral house.
6 I believe that the Supreme Court decision requiring both
7 houses to be organized along the same line really
8 abolished the purpose of the two-house system. The
9 two-house system traditionally has been designed to
10 accommodate population and geography and, since you can
11 no longer do this legally, I believe that with a one-house
12 body, it would be much easier to apportion. It would
13 be -- the only argument I could think of now in favor
14 of a two-house system is the check and balance argument,
15 and there are plenty of checks and balances that can be
16 built into a unicameral system.

17 Possibly and probably to simplify the parlia-
18 mentary procedure, from the standpoint of the members of
19 the public, too, but there is another reason which might
20 even be more important. The big problem with state
21 legislatures is to attract highly qualified people.