

1 DELEGATE MANDEL: I would hope that each county  
2 would have a representative in the House. I think that  
3 under our present setup, I think that this serves a  
4 valuable purpose, but the more that the court makes  
5 decisions, I think we're getting more and more away from  
6 even county form of government, and I'm just wondering  
7 how long in the future it's going to be before this may  
8 be outmoded. I don't know.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hughes, you have been rather  
10 quiet. Would you care to get into this?

11 SENATOR HUGHES: I've always been a believer  
12 in the two-house system, when you have the obvious reasons  
13 for it, checks and balances, but now under the one man-  
14 one vote, I must admit I have difficulty in finding the  
15 justification for it. There may be. I don't think just  
16 simply that because you have two houses, that that's  
17 justification for it, in itself, and with the one man-one  
18 vote principle, the checks and balances to me seem to be  
19 gone.

20 I think you have to consider also that under  
21 our system in Maryland, both houses are really identical