

1 recommendation, I don't feel strongly about it, the two-
2 thirds, but I think one of the problems of the Legislature
3 is that there is very little limelight on the Legislature
4 in any specific terms while on the contrary in the national
5 government, there is a very great deal of limelight.

6 Some of the Legislatures I have observed have
7 a great deal of absenteeism. When I was living in New
8 Jersey, if anybody was absent to count him present, not
9 in voting, but voted in accordance with his wishes. This,
10 of course, means the public has no real way from the
11 record of knowing what happens in a legislative career
12 which means a small number could enact the legislation.

13 I am really attempting, Mr. Chairman, to
14 counter some of the arguments that I thought you were
15 making by inference or a two-thirds majority of a quorum
16 which it seems to me to be a very dangerous business in a
17 real crisis. You make the point it is hard to get a two-
18 thirds majority, but I make the point it is fairly easy
19 to get anything through when nobody is around, and I think
20 that is more likely to happen in the Legislature in the
21 State than in the national Congress.