

1 which I have outlined to you, the Committee is presenting  
2 this report as a whole and where it represents compromise,  
3 it means that the Committee is in back of that compromise  
4 determined upon and there is now very little division be-  
5 tween individual members, insofar as this presentation is  
6 concerned.

7 Now, I do feel that it would be helpful to clear  
8 certain matters initially and, along that line, I direct  
9 your attention to Article XIII, and there, Mr. Chairman, I  
10 would recommend, and when I say I, I mean the Committee  
11 recommends that we eliminate from Article XIII, which is  
12 titled New Counties. You will find it on Page 88 in your  
13 red book of the Constitution. We eliminate from the Con-  
14 stitution in our redraft of the Constitution the provision  
15 that counties shall contain no less than 10,000 white in-  
16 habitants and a territorial area of no less than 400 square  
17 miles and the boundaries as defined of Wicomico County.

18 I don't believe there is any controversy on that  
19 score, and I might pause there for a vote on that point.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm not clear. Are you suggesting  
21 that Article XIII, as it appears in the present Constitution,