

1 should be a basis, the Committee believes, upon which
2 classification shall be determined.

3 Now, where you say upon such criteria as the
4 General Assembly may deem to be appropriate, that language
5 is so broad that you almost find yourself arguing to your-
6 self in a mirror.

7 MR. MARTINEAU: Meaningless, is what it is. Un-
8 less you restrict it someplace also, there's no point in
9 putting it in. They obviously have the power.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, it seems to me that it
11 might be suggested that the words would add a little bit
12 to make it abundantly clear that the Legislature had com-
13 plete and absolute discretion in making the grouping. Mr.
14 Loevy?

15 DR. LOEVY: The population limitation is in there
16 because other states have used population. The Legislature
17 would tend to pull the same act they pulled with reappor-
18 tionment and base it on population used back in 1836, or --

19 MR. MARTINEAU: But you --

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Just a second, Mr. Martineau.
21 Go ahead, Mr. Loevy.