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2 MR. MELVIN: May I ask a question, Mr.  
3 Chairman? I direct this to Al Scanlan. He is probably  
4 more knowledgeable than most on this subject. What is  
5 the present law as to how any changes are to be made  
6 in the numbers? Does the present law, the one that  
7 provides for 142 in one House and 43 in the other, provide  
8 a formula for increasing it.

9 MR. SCANLAN: Yes, it has a formula. Not  
10 on the Senatorial district but on the House side there  
11 is a formula but by guaranteeing each at least one,  
12 each county one member of one, it in effect places  
13 limitation on the formula. The formula is called the --  
14 where is our statistician -- formula of equal propor-  
15 tions. In effect, it is misleading because there is a  
16 minimum that can't be disturbed. Therefore, in  
17 practical effect it means that it will stay the way it  
18 is.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Or increase.

20 MR. SCANLAN: Or increase.

21 MR. MELVIN: The Committee is essentially