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of equality, now well ingrained in our law, but to try
to tie it to mathematics leaves no flexibility for change
in terms of Federal decisions.

MR. NOFF: I agree. I think that perhaps we are going to be better off without a percentage named in here at all. The broad statement that these districts should be drawn as nearly equal as possible is all right. We have other considerations such as one representative from each subdivision. I would think putting a percentage in there might be effective in destroying whatever-possibility we may have of retaining the principle of each subdivision being entitled to a representative.

MRS. BOTHE: I was going to say something not as well said but to the same effect as Judge Adkins' remarks. I don't see the purpose in putting a percentage limitation in. Why not just leave it a mixture of court decision and Legislature wisdom, taking into account the desires to have representation from every area of the state.

MR. SCANLAN: I have been through six years