

1 recommendation vis-a-vis bicameralism or unicameralism.

2 From the beginning, you will remember that our  
3 Committee was almost split evenly down the middle and this  
4 Commission itself had no strong recommendation to us when  
5 we asked for a poll of interest.

6 We are now giving our recommendation as noted  
7 on Page 6. By a majority of one vote, the Committee recom-  
8 mends to the Commission the adoption of a bicameral  
9 Legislature. The majority recognizes that the case for  
10 unicameralism is almost as strong, but believes that  
11 Maryland should retain its bicameral Legislature. We did  
12 not take time on this occasion to review the arguments on  
13 both sides again because we've done so on so many other  
14 occasions.

15 I would like to add, though, that some of us  
16 felt that now that the progress report or the preparatory  
17 report was beginning to unfold, that the nature of the  
18 preparatory report itself, and I'm going to add here that  
19 this is not the view necessarily of the entire Committee,  
20 that the nature of the preparatory report itself was such  
21 that a recommendation in terms of bicameralism would be