

1 has been a good deal of discussion in committee. There
2 have been views expressed by witnesses before committees,
3 but I don't believe there has been any full statement of
4 the views of individual Members of the Commission.

5 Mr. Gentry?

6 MR. GENTRY: Speaking against the motion, I
7 point out, as apparently I believe all of us are aware,
8 that the origination of the bicameral system was, or
9 goes back to a day when one House was chosen on a geo-
10 graphical basis, and the other on population.

11 Now, because of the recent rulings of our
12 Supreme Court, that basis or that method is no longer per-
13 missible, and both Houses of any State Legislature must
14 be chosen on the basis of population. That being the
15 case, it would seem to me that you no longer have a jus-
16 tification for two Houses.

17 The Legislature can operate in much the same
18 manner that people be represented in the very same
19 manner in a unicameral Legislature as they would in a
20 bicameral. The arguments advanced in a bicameral House,
21 the passage of bills is slowed down, and it gives