

1 favor of the unicameral legislation.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Haile?

3 MR. HAILE: An argument can also be based
4 on experience as well as reason, and I would like to
5 state my experience with a unicameral Legislature.
6 The duty of this group here, this Commission, is that
7 we come from different backgrounds and experiences.
8 Mine has been for 600,000 people for the past ten years.
9 Now, the most serious argument against unicameral
10 Legislature is that unwise legislation might get through
11 whereas if there are two Houses, it would be caught up.

12 From experience, however, it seems that
13 there are five things working with unicameral which mini-
14 mizes the passage of unwise legislation; first, the
15 executive veto; second, there is a referendum reserved to
16 the people; thirdly is the press and publicity and the
17 molding through that of public opinion which works
18 directly on unicameral legislation, and fourth is the
19 Judiciary, which strikes down any illegal legislation,
20 and fifth is the power of the unicameral Legislature to
21 amend many laws which have proven unwise.