

1 Consequently, I am still in favor of a bicameral system.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further comment by Members
3 of the Commission?

4 Mr. Scanlan?

5 MR. SCANLAN: As the Chairman noted, the vote
6 in our Committee was 3 to 2. He more accurately could
7 have said it was 2 and 3/4ths to 2 and 1/4th. Even as
8 the hour of voting approaches, I still have reservations
9 in my vote, although I lean toward the bicameral system.
10 On that I would like to make a couple of points to put
11 the case for bicameralism a little stronger.

12 It is not quite accurate to say that the
13 bicameral system arose out of the geographical situation
14 where one House was looked upon as a rural check on the
15 urban elements. In point of fact, when the bicameral
16 Legislatures of this country were first created, they were
17 based on population. Following the Civil War, with the
18 Legislatures not reapportioned, the system did grow up
19 in many States, in Maryland, one House had misrepresenta-
20 tion which favored one area over the other.

21 Woodrow Wilson pointed out that the bicameral