

1 received here, but it points out that although we have
2 known the bicameral system throughout most of our history,
3 the national Government under the Articles of Confedera-
4 tion had unicameral Legislature and Benjamin Franklin,
5 whom I think was a great man, also favored the unicameral
6 Legislature even for our Federal Government.

7 Now, if we are going to really speak of
8 strengthening government, number one, so that the people's
9 will can be better expressed, this means strengthening
10 the departments of government. Now, I think that we
11 have very significantly strengthened the Judiciary and
12 the Executive Departments. We have yet to act upon what
13 I regard as the fourth arm of our Government, that is
14 local government, and right now is when we are going to
15 settle whether or not we are going to strengthen the
16 Legislative Department.

17 Now, I would say that rather than lead off
18 with a bicameral recommendation that it would be wise
19 to lead off not only from the public relations viewpoint
20 to get some discussion about our activity, but to lead
21 off so there is discussion on the merits of bicameral