

1 reason for bicameralism had disappeared. The only reason  
2 that remains that I can see is the argument of check  
3 and balance, that one House reconsiders what the other  
4 House has done, and thus we get safety in our legislation.  
5 I have been studying this matter of legislation longer  
6 than anyone else in this room, chiefly for the reason  
7 I have had more time to do it. But starting at least in  
8 1927, which is at least thirty-nine years ago, I put a  
9 great deal of attention to the question of State Legis-  
10 latures. That qualifies me, perhaps, for an opinion.

11 I watched this business of checks and balances  
12 with considerable care. I sat in a committee of a State  
13 Legislature some years ago where bills from the other  
14 House were being considered. In 45 minutes that committee  
15 disposed of 17 laws which they/never laid eyes on before  
16 which they had no time to read, which they didn't even  
17 give the substance of, and if you know as I suppose you  
18 do, that the Houses of State Legislatures almost without  
19 exception follow the instructions of their, the recom-  
20 mendations of their committees, this is not, I would say,  
21 careful reconsideration. Moreover, if you make a calendar