

1 of the time schedule when bills are introduced in each
2 House and then pass over from one House to the other, you
3 discover that the number of bills going to the second
4 House in the last ten days of the session, and this is
5 true in Maryland as it is true elsewhere, the number of
6 bills going to the second House in the last ten days of
7 the session are so large that there is not possibly time
8 for careful reconsideration, and very few of them get
9 careful reconsideration to the point that over and over
10 again, and I can name cases where bills have been passed
11 by one House without regard for the feelings of the
12 author on the basis that the other House would catch
13 them, and the other House hasn't caught them because they
14 say, This bill has been carefully considered in the first
15 House. It seems to me that this Commission would do well
16 to adopt the unicameral idea.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Michener?

18 DR. MICHENER: The point was made earlier that
19 unicameral represents a new and untried system that we
20 shouldn't adopt in the dark. I would just point out, in
21 this country almost all cities have bicameral Legislature