

1 or in Western Maryland where the representation is slim,
2 that they tend to brush aside the purely local
3 sentiment and tradition and whatnot. I think where the
4 state interest is such that it must be paramount that
5 then the majority must rule. That is why I would favor
6 this motion providing for an extraordinary vote to
7 change counties but would not favor such a motion to
8 limit the power of the Legislature with respect to the
9 creation of the regional governments.

10 In the latter case I think the interests
11 of the state would become paramount. Any further
12 discussion? Are you ready for the question? The
13 question arises on the motion to amend Section 11.01 (b)
14 so as to provide that the creation and incorporation,
15 changing, merging and dissolution of counties will be
16 accomplished only by only an extraordinary vote of the
17 Legislature, the extraordinary vote to be defined later
18 when we deal with that subject.

19 Ready for the question? All those in favor
20 of the motion, that is, in favor of the extraordinary
21 vote, please signify by a show of hands. Contrary?