

1 with regard to this whole point of view at the time of
2 reapportionment and after much debate the General Assembly
3 decided that it was important to set up districting
4 in the larger counties. This was debated for a long
5 period of time, and my final point is that in all other
6 respects, we have set up the concept of the Convention
7 in terms of the practices that are now set forth as far
8 as the General Assembly is concerned.

9 By way of illustration, we are using the
10 same number of delegates as there are in the House of
11 Delegates and it just seems to me that if we are follow-
12 ing this concept in all other respects, would our position
13 not be more defensible if we followed it in/^{this} respect as
14 well? These are yet some additional points with
15 reference to the importance of accepting districting
16 for larger counties.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion?
18 Mr. Gentry.

19 MR. GENTRY: I have always favored the
20 county-wide election system because, really, I felt that
21 we'd get more qualified candidates in that fashion, although