

1 Ready for the question?

2 MR. MARTINEAU: Question.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor signify by
4 saying aye, contrary, no. Ayes have it. Recommendation
5 is approved. Fifth Recommendation.

6 MR. SCANLAN: The Committee didn't dally
7 long on this issue. The recent constitutional convention
8 in Connecticut had to act on all matters except,
9 I believe, adjournment, a few things like that, on the
10 basis of a two-thirds rule. They had to have two-
11 thirds to carry anything. We found no other constitutional
12 convention that imposed such a restriction on the principle
13 of majority rule. Certainly the previous Maryland
14 constitutional conventions did not.

15 We wanted to be sure that the Commission would
16 recommend in the enabling act that in the constitutional
17 convention majority rule would prevail on the substantive
18 issues. Naturally we don't mean to imply here if the
19 convention adopted Roberts Rules of Order, that you
20 still wouldn't have two-thirds vote to cut off debate on
21 the previous question, that sort of procedural situation.