

1 to which they are entitled and other areas were given
2 more representation than they were entitled to but that
3 situation having finally been solved, it seems to me
4 there is no real need to continue with this restriction
5 on the legislative power. We have all had recent experi-
6 ence with the evils that it can cause. The congressional
7 redistricting mess was in good measure caused by the
8 fact that a very small minority of people in Baltimore
9 City and perhaps Baltimore County were able to petition
10 the referendum, a fairly decent plan; we had the same
11 problem with the equal accommodations bill. We have had
12 a number of examples in recent years where a few people
13 have been able to, at considerable expense of time and
14 effort, to frustrate the legislative will. While there
15 may have been some justification of that when the
16 legislative will didn't represent the people, I don't
17 see what justification exists to retain this restriction
18 on legislative power. I think one of the functions we
19 have in this Commission is to come up with a Constitution
20 that manifests our trust in the Legislature as the
21 representative of the people. I am willing to trust them.