

1 house district, to the population of such district shall
2 be such that the largest ratio shall not exceed the
3 smallest by more than ten per cent.

4 I would like to call your attention to one
5 point, and that is that at the last meeting this group,
6 we want to be fair about this, this group voted that we
7 not set this into the documents; that the latter portion
8 of this reading which just took place not be included.
9 However, we are asking the Commission to reconsider on
10 this point in lieu of the way we have stated it.

11 If you read Page 4, the bottom, the language
12 used in the last two sentences of the above Section 3 is
13 necessary because Section 4 permits the General Assembly
14 itself to determine whether there will be single-member
15 districts or multiple-member districts. If the General
16 Assembly decides upon multiple-member districts, then the
17 ten per cent limitation must be expressed in terms of
18 a ratio rather than terms of a comparison of the largest
19 district with the smallest district. However, as stated
20 a moment ago, it may well be that this Committee still
21 feels, and we hope that it doesn't, that this matter of