

1 numerical limitation on the variation of representation  
2 in the districts. Is there any further discussion?

3 Dr. Burdette?

4 DR. BURDETTE: I intend myself to vote against  
5 the idea of putting the ratio in the Constitution, be-  
6 cause I would rather settle down, even if it takes a  
7 decade or five decades, to discover what is <sup>an</sup> acceptable  
8 ratio under the system of the Federal court, and I think  
9 the alternative would be that if the ratio were different  
10 from one that we put into the Constitution, for myself  
11 I think we ought to move to amend our Constitution to  
12 get that ratio. We can't determine what ultimately the  
13 courts will permit as a flexible ratio. I confess, in  
14 order to be fully fair about it, that I am not at all  
15 sold on the importance of a close ratio because I think  
16 that the factor of the people's acquaintance with their  
17 representatives is not to be blinked at; that is,  
18 political life so centers around the legal processes of  
19 a community that people even who have a good bit to do  
20 with public affairs come to know those who work with them  
21 and if they are in another county, they don't meet in