

1 equitable and proportionate representation. If you  
2 word it, the ratio, the ratio of the number of senators  
3 in each senatorial district shall be equitable and pro-  
4 portional to the population as determined by law, that  
5 would put the responsibility in the hands, it seems to  
6 me, of the Legislature, to get around Mr. Scanlan's  
7 question of having it in the court.

8 MR. MILES: What was the action of the Commis-  
9 sion on June 20? I was not present.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: That there be no limitation in  
11 the Constitution in terms of percentages but that the  
12 limitation be in terms of the general language that  
13 the district should be as nearly equal in population as  
14 practicable.

15 MR. CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I think that it  
16 is obvious here that by fixing a ratio, you are forcing  
17 the elimination of counties as a basic political sub-  
18 division, and where we have in other aspects of our con-  
19 sideration of constitutional revision determined that  
20 the county shall be retained as the basic political sub-  
21 division now to come and by the fixing of a ratio force