

1 A deadline is provided within which time the
2 General Assembly must act or the governor shall have the
3 right to act. The courts are given the power to act only
4 if the General Assembly and the governor have not taken
5 action within the time prescribed. This Section 5 is
6 similar to the Proposed Alternate II on apportionment
7 and redistricting of the General Assembly adopted by the
8 Young Democratic Clubs of Maryland in September of 1964.
9 It should be noted that the first reapportioned General
10 Assembly after the 1970 census will be the one to be
11 elected in November 1974. That is a long time off.

12 The Committee further recommends inclusion at
13 the appropriate place in the new constitution of a pro-
14 vision that any plan of reapportionment adopted by the
15 General Assembly or promulgated by the governor shall not
16 be subject to the referendum.

17 We will come to that, perhaps separately.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions?

19 JUDGE ADKINS: Is the sanction if the governor
20 refused to abide by an order of the Court of Appeals?

21 MR. CASE: He would be in contempt of court.