

1 sessions for the mere sake of elongating them, but rather  
2 to use this flexible arm as a way of passing necessary  
3 legislation. Moreover, it would seem to me that they  
4 might come to grips with some of their requirements.  
5 Let's take the budget as a requirement. Earlier in their  
6 session, recognizing that they don't have to hang around  
7 for 70 days necessarily, they may find that they can  
8 finish up before 70 days. This gives them that kind of  
9 elasticity.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bond?

11 MR. BOND: I might comment to the Commission  
12 first, I am sorry I was not at the last meeting when this  
13 was debated. Secondly, I distinctly remember being at  
14 a meeting of one of the subcommittees of this Commission  
15 where Senator James was present, I think the senator from  
16 Cecil County, and two other members of the Legislature.  
17 They were unanimous in saying that to go beyond the 70-day  
18 session would gainsay nothing; that 70 days was more than  
19 enough time to carry on the legislative business of the  
20 State. They pointed to the example of Massachusetts,  
21 which has a continuing legislature, with a rather low