

1 whether or not we want the referendum and if we want  
2 it let it be a democratic device and not the way it  
3 has been written in accordance with the wishes of the  
4 Commission at Easton.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hoff.

6 MR. HOFF: I agree, Mr. Gentry, I think this  
7 bracketed matter should be deleted.

8 MR. GENTRY: I would like to point out that  
9 Mr. Sykes who is not here feels it should be deleted  
10 as well. He participated in the writing of this.

11 MR. SCANLAN: One of the abuses I had in  
12 mind when I opposed any referendum procedure was the  
13 congressional redistricting petition where the Baltimore  
14 congressmen petitioned an act of General Assembly to  
15 referendum. If this bracketed matter is deleted, they  
16 would have had an even easier task. They could have  
17 solicited all their signatures from the City of Baltimore.  
18 Would that be correct, Mr. Gentry? Using the not so  
19 hypothetical example to which I refer, if the bracketed  
20 matter is deleted, those signatures, they wouldn't have  
21 had to go to Baltimore County, is that correct?