

1. of general legislation and bear all the earmarks of
2. general legislation but by reason of the particular
3. circumstances may be applicable only to one area not
4. necessarily one county, may be one metropolitan area, or
5. predominantly so.

6. I raise the question of whether under such
7. circumstances the people of that area shouldn't have the
8. right to ask the people of the entire state to vote in
9. a referendum which is all we are talking about here.

10. In other words, I am raising the question of
11. whether there ought to be any limitation, X per cent,
12. or any per cent, and whether the effective limitation
13. of the 5 per cent over-all isn't sufficient. Are
14. there further comments?

15. PROFESSOR ASPER: May I ask a question?
16. Assuming we adopt any one of these, whether the
17. one-half or 30 per cent provision, is my understanding
18. correct that this would be, I forget how it reads, one-
19. half of the required number rather than one-half of the
20. total? It would be ridiculous to have a hundred
21. thousand signatures and 51,000 were from Baltimore.