

LAI D OVER BILL

Mr. Melvin, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably, with amendments,

House Bill No. 2—By the Speaker:

Subject: "LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT", REVISING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Amendments to House Bill No. 2

By the Committee:

Amendment No. 1—In line 1 of the title and in line 4 of Section 1 on page 1 of the printed bill, strike out in each instance, the following: "Section 5" and insert in lieu thereof, in each instance, the following: "Sections 4 and 5".

Which amendment was read and adopted.

Amendment No. 2—In line 5 of the title of the printed bill immediately following the comma, insert the following: "providing for the re-alignment of the legislative districts of Baltimore City."

Which amendment was read and adopted.

Amendment No. 3—Following line 16 of Section 1 on page 1 of the printed bill, insert the following new section:

"4. The General Assembly shall have the power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the existing legislative districts of the City of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be of equal population; but said district shall always consist of contiguous territory. The several legislative districts of the City of Baltimore as they existed in 1961 shall be so altered and changed by the General Assembly, not later than the regular session of 1963. If such a law is not enacted by the end of the regular session of 1963 the Governor promptly thereafter shall propose an alteration and change of the boundaries of the several legislative districts, in conformity with the provisions of this section; but the alterations and changes as proposed by the Governor shall not be effective until and unless they are approved by law by the General Assembly. The power of the Governor to propose changes and alterations in the boundaries of the existing legislative districts shall not be construed or applied to affect the power of the General Assembly thereafter to alter and change these boundaries in conformity with the provisions of this section."

Which amendment was read and adopted.

Amendment No. 4—Strike out all of lines 52 to 67, inclusive, of Section 5 on page 2 of the printed bill and insert in lieu thereof, the following:

"The total population of the State according to the census shall be divided by the number one hundred and twenty-three (123). The resulting quotient, taken to the nearest figure of an even thousand, is the unit of population until a similar computation is made following the next census. The unit of population shall then be divided into the population of each county in the State and of each legis-