

1           We in the Minority found it most instructive  
2 that every lobbyist who appeared before our committee  
3 was a strong, enpassionate advocate of the bicameral system.  
4 We were forced to the conclusion that there must be something  
5 better in a bicameral, in a difused, and in a repetitive  
6 legislative process to the benefit of the special interest  
7 groups.

8           Fourthly, we believe that a unicameral legis-  
9 lature will provide more careful consideration of legis-  
10 lation. The experience with Nebraska, the experience with  
11 local governments throughout the country, the experience  
12 of unicameral legislatures elsewhere in the world I think  
13 indicates that the death rate of unwise legislation is as  
14 high in a unicameral body as it is in a bicameral body.  
15 In fact, if we look at our own legislative process in  
16 Maryland, it is not the existence of two houses that ac-  
17 counts for the death of most legislation that dies, but  
18 rather the screening given it in the first house, because  
19 80 percent of all legislation introduced which  
20 ultimately is defeated in Maryland in 1967 was defeated in  
21 the house of its origin and not in the other house.