

1 a strong and effective legislature, we must be able to
2 make it possible for it to unite in its confrontation with
3 the Governor, that it must have the ability to attract
4 outstanding citizens of public service in the legislature;
5 that it must be a body in which the public has confidence,
6 that the public business will be transacted in full view,
7 and that each member will act responsibly; that it must
8 be accountable to the electorate and it must have high
9 visibility.

10 The argument has been made that other states
11 have not adopted a unicameral system. To that I would reply
12 that one of the great tragedies in state government is
13 the propensity of each state to accept without criticism or
14 question the errors of its sisters.

15 We are here assembled in a constitutional con-
16 vention, in which we are going to be doing a good bit of
17 innovating and developing a good bit of new approaches
18 to state government. Had this argument prevailed in the
19 Missouri Constitutional Convention not too long ago, there
20 would never have been a Missouri plan for establishment of
21 judiciary. No state had ever done it. Had it prevailed --