

1 of Delegates"; the Constitution of 1867, under which we
2 presently operate, "the legislature shall consist of two
3 distinct branches, the Senate and the House of Delegates."

4 An examination of the nomenclature used during
5 the colonial period would also indicate that Maryland has
6 been consistent in referring to its lower chamber as the
7 House of Delegates.

8 In this respect we probably differ somewhat
9 from the State of Virginia, which at one time applied the
10 name, the House of Burgesses, which was later substituted,
11 I understand for the House of Delegates.

12 I would say, therefore, that I would oppose this
13 amendment, first, on the basis of the fact that the nomen-
14 clature has been a part of the fabric of our State Govern-
15 ment since colonial times down to this day.

16 I further believe that it would be difficult
17 from the point of view of examining precedent, and looking
18 into the history of Acts of the General Assembly, to be
19 forced in doing such research and reporting on such re-
20 search to have to use the interchangeable terms, House
21 of Delegates, up to perhaps the year 1968, and thereafter