

1 After deliberation the Commission rejected all the sugges-
2 tions that a maximum size for either house of the General
3 Assembly be prescribed. The optimum size of the House
4 of elected representatives reflects a delicate balance
5 between many factors, such as the size of the population
6 represented, the number of divergent interests present in the
7 electorate, the desirable number for effective debate in a
8 deliberative body, and other factors.

9 "The balance between such factors changes over
10 a period of time!"

11 I think this is a very fundamental consideration
12 for this body today.

13 "And the legislature should have the power to
14 adjust the size of each house accordingly.

15 "The Commission recognizes the possibility
16 that the advantages of relatively small houses may succumb
17 to the pressure to increase the number of legislatures,
18 when the required apportionment would eliminate the seats
19 of incumbent legislators, that it is of the opinion that
20 reliance must be placed on the General Assembly to whatever
21 action is appropriate."