

1 of the Convention; I consider this amendment unnecessary.

2 In the first place, as pointed out by the
3 Chairman, this is purely a statutory matter. In the
4 second place, after the next census and assuming our state
5 keeps increasing in population much more rapidly than
6 other states, then there will be allotted, probably, one
7 or two additional Congressmen after the 1970 census and
8 it will require, Congress will require that we then re-
9 district; on the other hand, should our population
10 remain static and we keep the same number of Congressmen,
11 there would be no need for redistricting.

12 In the third place, while the theory of the
13 districts being composed of adjoining territory and being
14 compact is a fine principle, but it should not be fro-
15 zen into our Constitution where, under certain circum-
16 stances, we could not vary it.

17 I know at the time in the House I objected
18 to being joined across the Bay in Southern Anne Arundel
19 County with the Eastern Shore, but I find that is
20 not so bad at all, and that Chesapeak Bay is a nice little
21 area to cross and we have some very congenial Congressional