DELEGATE BYRNES: Delegate Gleason, it is not true that the legislative leaders themselves are very reluctant about our subjecting them to what has turned out to be from prior experience a blood-letting and highly emotionally charged experience? As a matter of fact, I have been told that three years preceding reapportionment, the legislative leaders and the legislators themselves were brought into a struggle that was unparalleled, and that they wish to God, frankly, that they would not have to do it again. Was that not the testimony of the legislative leaders, I might ask?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Your question implies that by giving the power that we seek here with the minority report to the legislature, that will bring about the struggle all over again. I do not think that is an assumption that can be borne out. Certainly, I have already recited the fact that we have today the control of the delegations in the lower house in four areas of the State, 70 percent of the votes. I think also that we have to remember that the Supreme Court decisions hit like a bomb. There were relationships, areas represented. This caused great distress and strain. The legislative group themselves did not have any clear guidance as to how far they could go or how far they should not go; and they still do not today, but I think that that kind of a hassle, although it will always be a problem, is not likely to be emulated and duplicated again. I do not think, just because it is a difficult problem, we should take that away from where it can be solved the best.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the minority spokesman?

If not, while Delegate Gleason returns to his chair, I have two announcements to make.

We are pleased to have with us in the gallery the Honorable Charles Krysiak, the delegate from Baltimore City, and we did have with us on the Floor, I do not know whether he slipped out again, Deputy Attorney General, Robert F. Sweeney. We are delighted to have them with us.

(Applause.)

Delegate Schneider.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Mr. Chairman, I also would like to make an announcement that the Prince George's delegate is happy to have several hundred civic teachers from Prince George's High School sitting in the balcony behind the podium.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delighted to have them.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Gleason for the purpose of submitting an amendment. Do you have the reprinted amendment, Delegate Gleason? Will you send it to the desk, please?

The amendment is not here. It is on its way.

The amendment is coming in the door now, I understand.

I have been asked by Delegate Eckenrode to announce that Mr. Fred Marrow, if I pronounce it correctly, Clerk of the People's Court of Baltimore County, and Mr. Henry Ero, Chief Counsel to that Court, are in our gallery.

The Clerk will read the amendment. This will be Amendment No. 4.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 4 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, by Delegates Gleason, Linton, Della and Peters: on pages 1 and 2 of Committee Recommendation LB-1, line 23, after the word "law" strike out the comma and the remainder of the sentence on line 24 and on page 2 lines 1 and 2 and insert in lieu thereof a period.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to the amendment?

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Gleason, who under the debate schedule, has control of ten minutes, and Delegate Gallagher who also has control of ten minutes of debate.

Delegate Gleason?

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, I would allocate as much time to Mr. Adkins as he needs, please.

DELEGATE ADKINS: Mr. Chairman, I suppose it might be said that I rise in support of this motion as a result of my parochial instinct.

Indeed, I suppose in part I do, but I suggest to this body that even those of us from small counties are entitled to have a voice, feeble and weak though it may be.

I support this amendment, Mr. President, for three principal reasons: first, it seems to me the posture of the majority report is completely illogical. On the one hand they ask us to support a strengthened,