

size. As a matter of fact, if Bill No. 8 had been constitutional, the size of the Senate would not be forty-three but would be fifty-three. The size of the General Assembly has been increased to one hundred forty-two, and if the population projections of this State are correct for 1970, we can expect that the size of the House will be nearly two hundred, if we allow each unit to have one vote in the House.

Now, I submit to you that we have to draw the line somewhere. Mr. Gleason asked, who is to decide? I say to you that we are to decide; that you and I have been elected to come down here and not to pass the buck. It will be the easiest thing in the world to say, "let them fight it out for themselves," but Harry Truman had a very pleasant sign on his desk when he was President of the United States, and it said, "the buck stops here."

I am suggesting to you that the buck stops in this Constitutional Convention, and I further suggest to you that we have not for all time and for eternity cut off the escape valve because there is the device of the constitutional amendment. There is an avenue to provide relief if it should be decided that this figure, whatever it may be, is adopted.

I say to you this: disregard the 35-105 figure, which the Committee has recommended in its aggregate cumulative wisdom, and go to some other figure—for the sake of efficiency in government, minimum efficiency, pick a number out of the air, but do not, I ask you, allow the General Assembly to set its own limits, when man after man came before our Committee and said, "please do it in the Constitution."

I submit to you that we have a heavy responsibility, and I think we ought to discharge it here, and be able to go home and tell the people who elected us that we did the job, that we did not pass the buck.

**THE CHAIRMAN:** Delegate Gleason, you have two and a half minutes you can allocate.

**DELEGATE GLEASON:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am afraid we may have to ask for more time at the appropriate moment.

I will allocate two and a half minutes to Delegate Smith.

**THE CHAIRMAN:** Delegate Marvin Smith.

**DELEGATE M. SMITH:** Mr. Chairman,

what the distinguished brother from Baltimore City has said in effect is that the representatives of the urban areas of the state do not trust this reapportioned General Assembly.

Now, I come before you, sir, not to suggest that each county in this present day and age should have a representative. I do suggest to you, however, that geography and not the trees to which reference was made earlier but geography is entitled to some consideration.

I suggest to you, sir, that there is a point of difficulty when one's elected representative is too far removed from him.

Delegate Ted Miller commented to me more than once in the days when he ran for Congress that he would love to have had the opportunity of running in a district like Congressman Garmatz', where he could walk around to see all of his people in short order.

Some of our brethren do not understand the geography of the state. I am reminded of the young lady in the office where I once worked in Baltimore, who said to me, "The Eastern Shore, that is just down there below Annapolis, isn't it?"

Now, Mr. Chairman, from one end of our present senatorial district to the other is a driving time of two hours; from one side of that district to the other is better than one hour. I suggest to you, sir, that the proposals here with reference to delegate districts will well set up areas of substantially in excess of one hours' driving time, and that this has the effect, not only of removing delegates from contact with their constituents, and vice versa.—

**THE CHAIRMAN:** You have a half a minute, Delegate Smith.

**DELEGATE M. SMITH:** —but also has the great adverse effect of making it difficult to find proper people to run for office because of the areas that have to be traversed.

I suggest to you, sir, that we should not have the General Assembly boxed in as they were under the previous constitution.

**THE CHAIRMAN:** Delegate Gallagher, you have two and a half minutes you can allocate.

**DELEGATE GALLAGHER:** I will yield to Mr. Scanlan.

**THE CHAIRMAN:** Delegate Scanlan.

**DELEGATE SCANLAN:** I believe Dele-