

shall consist of not more than four whole delegate districts or a multi-member delegate district represented by not more than four delegates."

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Gilchrist for the purpose of moving the amendment.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. Chairman, may I ask whether the Chair will provide the amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: I move the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is moved and seconded. The Chair will provide and treat as the first question lines 8, to and including the first two words of line 18 and will treat as the second question the last sentence, consisting of line 18, beginning with the words "senatorial district," down to and including the end of line 21.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Gilchrist, who has ten minutes of controlled time.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Convention: In 1970 Kent County will celebrate its 330th birthday. In 1970, Baltimore City will have a population of 946,000. Prince George's County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States.

It is 323 miles from Ocean City to Oakland.

Garrett County has an average snowfall greater than Juneau, Alaska. You can govern by committee if you wish to.

These are not unrelated facts. These are the material with which we are dealing today.

On these are predicated the dilemma of this Convention.

Shall we forget tradition, geography, different characteristics?

Shall we remember in our votes the concern that we voiced in debate over the failure of the small communities of interest?

Shall we do as much as we properly can to remember them as we try to create a better legislature for Maryland?

There are a few things in this world which are black or white. Most of them are some shade of gray, and I suggest that

this Convention has the job of assembling the most becoming state or shade of gray that it can find for the State of Maryland.

I want to tell a story, and then I am going to quit, because we have argued most of the things that can be argued on this subject in this hall today.

Somebody told me a story a few weeks ago of the pig standing in a barnyard beside a chicken, who looked up and said to the pig, "My, isn't that wonderful. Look at the sign on that truck, 'Ham and eggs, America's favorite breakfast.' The pig looked at the chicken and said, wonderful for you, for you it is a contribution, for me it is total commitment."

I don't want to ask Kent County in 1970 to celebrate its 330th birthday in a state of total commitment.

This is a county. This is a situation in which the larger geographical subdivisions can afford the contribution, but like the poor pig, the other geographic areas of Maryland can ill-afford total commitment. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole, it is difficult for me to oppose a plan which has within it the possibility of having been recommended by a majority of the Committee; that is to say, under Mr. Gilchrist's amendment it is quite possible. With the three-to-one ratio we could have what we suggest, and to the extent that that possibility exists within the plan, I certainly applaud it.

However, having recognized its virtue, I must also recognize its singlemost, glaring, significant defect which is this: that the amendment which we have before us is the avenue to perpetuating what we have at this moment. We do not want to continue what we have, because using the four-to-one ratio we can provide for a House of 144 and a Senate of 36. I do think that is exactly what would spring to mind if this amendment were adopted because of the attempt I think would be made to provide each county with as much of an opportunity as possible to have a delegate it could call its own. However, if one takes the 1970 census projection for Maryland, it would appear that in order to be entitled to a delegate all its own, a county would have to have 27,700 population.

As I look at the 1970 projections, I count the following counties with less than 27,700 population; Calvert, Caroline, Garrett, Kent, despite its 330th anniversary, Queen