

This bill was amended in the Senate, and the House of Delegates did not concur. The Senate refused to recede and your Conference Committee was appointed.

The member of your Committee have given close and intensive consideration to the problems raised by this bill.

House Bill No. 2 proposed a Constitutional amendment to make a permanent apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates. This subject is one of the most weighty and controversial that ever faced the General Assembly. Rather obviously, it presents questions and difficulties beyond the limited scope of the General Assembly of Maryland at a special session. The members of the General Assembly and the people of the State of Maryland now need a calm, dispassionate and unhurried consideration of the permanent problem of reapportionment.

Accordingly, your Conference Committee proposes that House Bill No. 2 not be enacted by the General Assembly. In its place, the Conference Committee, with the approval of the General Assembly, proposes that the Governor of Maryland appoint a special commission to give consideration to the problem in order that the Legislature and the people may consider it more fully at the 1963 Session of the General Assembly.

Your Conference Committee, with the approval of the General Assembly, also requests the Governor to appoint an able and outstanding commission for this purpose selected from persons throughout the State to make it fairly representative of all major points of view.

Finally, your Conference Committee proposes, with the approval of the General Assembly, that all agencies and departments of the State government be requested to cooperate upon the request of this commission in order that it may be assured of having all necessary research and secretarial staff assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Senate:

William S. James

Frederick C. Malkus, Jr.

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Which was read and adopted by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE

Senators:

President, Bertorelli, Buffington, Dean, Dorf, Dorsey, Gonder, Hepbron, James, Johnson, Jones, Malkus, Nock, Mrs., North, Parran, Phipps, Pine, Schweinhaut, Shipley, Snyder, Wheatley.

Total—22

NEGATIVE

Senators:

Barrick, Phoebus, Sanford, Weant.

Total—4