

1 we will have chaos and we will have an unwieldy State  
2 government.

3 Now, the truth of the matter is that never in  
4 the history of the State of Maryland have we adopted the  
5 principle which this amendment seeks to impose upon us  
6 today. If you take the Constitution of 1776, there were  
7 specifically fifteen Senators provided for, and four  
8 Delegates from each county, two from Annapolis, two from  
9 the City of Baltimore; in the 1845 Constitution, there  
10 was a minimum of sixty-five and a maximum of eighty pro-  
11 posed in the House, and the maximum of one Senator from  
12 each county, or twenty-one. In the 1864 Constitution  
13 again there was a Senate of twenty-one, with three addition-  
14 al from the Baltimore legislative districts, and an  
15 original House size set at eighty in the Constitution  
16 with a sliding scale, which if every county had achieved,  
17 could have gone to a figure of one hundred sixty-eight.

18 Under the 1867 Constitution, again, one Senator  
19 per legislative district and county, the House was initially  
20 set in the Constitution at eighty-six members.

21 Under the sliding scale it was possible, with