

1 that no particular percentage ought to be indicated here
2 because there has not been a definitive answer by the
3 courts. Our feeling is that the State of Maryland can
4 take leadership in regard to setting forth what it feels
5 is a proper ratio.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: This is one of the matters
7 that was fully debated at the last meeting and was --

8 DR. BARD: That is correct, and we lost.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: And it was, the Committee's
10 recommendation was rejected but because it is the request
11 of the Committee, it will be submitted again for debate
12 and discussion. I ask you only to be brief. The position
13 taken by the Committee is that they would like to modify
14 the last sentence so as to provide that the deviation
15 in the ratio of the number of senators to senatorial
16 districts and the number of delegates to House districts
17 should not vary more than 10 per cent.

18 DR. BARD: 10 per cent in the spread, 5 per
19 cent from?

20 THE CHAIRMAN: 5 per cent on either side.

21 DR. BARD: Either side of the spread.