

1 from my experience from working around Annapolis that
2 the absolute figure would be most advantageous in the
3 operation of the Legislature. In that way, the Legis-
4 latures know how many people have to be present in order
5 to either pass or not pass a piece of legislation, es-
6 pecially if it is going to be a veto on a constitutional
7 question.

8 There are, sometimes in the evening sessions,
9 where they have night sessions, as many as 30 to 35
10 Members absent in the House alone. In the day sessions,
11 lot of times there are sometimes as high as 15 or 20
12 absent on many occasions. Some of them are running around
13 doing committee work, and some of them are not just there.
14 It seems to me if you are going to use the higher figure,
15 it is going to make it that much more difficult for some
16 of the people in the Legislature to be able to express
17 their views and do the things they feel their constituents
18 feel is necessary to do, but it seems to me that where
19 the two-thirds might seem appropriate, three-fifths is more
20 actually a practical matter to use in the formation of
21 legislative policy and procedure.