

1 that would impose a rather formidable barrier, I think.

2 MR. BROOKS: By way of explanation, there is  
3 a primary fundamental difference in the total operations  
4 in that the Maryland Legislature constitutionally requires,  
5 has a provision requiring the constitutional majority for  
6 the enactment of any legislation. The Congress does  
7 not operate under it. It is on that premise that all  
8 these other special votes of the entire body elected to  
9 sit, so there can be no extensions under this procedure.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Section 17 of Article 14, deal-  
11 ing with amendments is much more specific than Article 5  
12 of the Federal Constitution. It says, Passed by three-  
13 fifths of all the Members elected to each of the two  
14 Houses.

15 Any further comment?

16 JUDGE ADKINS: I wonder if the Committee has  
17 sought to collate this in the Constitution where it  
18 occurs. Reverting to what Dr. Jenkins says, there are  
19 clearly instances where there should be two-thirds of the  
20 membership. Before we vote on this, we ought to have some-  
21 body tell us of all instances where it should be significant.