

1 Mr. Brooks, whether we have the authority at this point
2 to change some of the decisions made earlier in respect
3 to total membership. I remember on one or two occasions,
4 we talked about the passage of a bill by majority of
5 those present, and this body as a whole said that they
6 wanted it to be --

7 THE CHAIRMAN: No, I am not talking about that.
8 I am talking about only instances where an extraordinary
9 number is required.

10 DR. BARD: I see.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion?

12 Mr. Sykes?

13 MR. SYKES: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that
14 there is a different strength to the policy behind the
15 requirement of a higher number in each of a great many
16 different instances. I would think the first question to
17 be put is whether there should be any uniformity at all,
18 and I am frank to say that I think there should not be.

19 Now, if there is not to be uniformity, then I
20 would question whether we should try to solve this problem
21 on the basis of abstract arithmetic. I think the amount,