

1 If they don't act well and they pass unwise laws, they  
2 can be defeated but I don't think we should burden the  
3 Constitution and a modern state government with the  
4 cumbersome mechanism of the referendum. I am unalterably  
5 opposed to it and I join my friend from the Eastern Shore  
6 in his opposition.

7 MR. DELLA: My sentiments are just opposite  
8 of what has been stated. I recognize under reapportion-  
9 ment that we are supposed to have a truly representative  
10 group in the Maryland General Assembly. At the same  
11 time I think we have to recognize that sometimes people  
12 get upset and we could very well pass something that may  
13 be not satisfactory to the majority of the people in  
14 the State. When you recognize that 185 people are going  
15 to be representing possibly 700,000 voters or close  
16 to a million voters in the next few years, the people  
17 themselves should have the right to object to what  
18 this 185 people do on certain occasions, and I feel it  
19 would be an injustice to the rights of the voters if  
20 the value of the referendum be left out of the Constitu-  
21 tion. I think this is a right that should be there.