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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. - Excerpts from remarks of former Senator C. Robert Sarcone Republican Convention Floor leader at the Constitutional Convention today:

"I am sure you have all read in the newspapers, as I did, that any further deliberations by this Convention are just a waste of time. The word has come down from on high; we now know what we are supposed to do. The Governor has spoken, and we're all supposed to fall in line.

"Now it so happens that the Governor is not a delegate to this Convention.

He is, of course, entitled to express his opinion on reapportionment, but wouldn't he have served a better purpose had he requested an opportunity to appear before the Apportionment Committee, much in the manner of Senator Case, where he would have full opportunity to argue his point and answer the questions of those who might not agree with his conclusions?

"For example, the Governor is quoted as saying that the only purpose of single member districts would be to 'disconnect people from caring about what happens to the rest of their county.' Does he mean by this that the Central Ward of Newark, with its own special problems and a population larger than each of the five smallest counties, is not entitled to its own representation in the Legislature?

"As to the five smallest counties themselves, the Governor would give them one-half vote each in the new Legislature. This is what is known as weighted voting. I would have welcomed the opportunity of asking the Governor how he reconciles this recommendation with the words of the New Jersey Supreme Court which, on December 15, 1965, said in an opinion relating to <u>Jackman vs. Bodine</u>:

It is . . . unnecessary for us to consider whether there is any possible basis upon which weighted voting

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could be reconciled either with the Federal Constitution or our present State Constitution. Some members of the Court wish to state now that both constitutions bar weighted voting. A majority of the court feel the question need not be decided now, but add that the omission so to do should not be taken to suggest that they entertain the view that weighted voting should be upheld.

"These words by the Supreme Court are something less than a ringing endorsement of the Governor's program. We have been in session here since March 21, and this is the first time I have heard any serious proposal for weighted voting. I am sure that the delegates on both sides of the aisle are as surprised as I am that this plan should be offered at this late date.

"It must be equally surprising to a large number of the delegates, and particularly those on the Democrat side, that a proposal for a unicameral legislature, which was offered with firm, sincere conviction by a member of the Governor's own party should be lightly dismissed as something designed only for the small rural counties. This convention is perfectly capable of making its own decision on this and other matters, and I suggest that anyone who thinks he can impose his will on the elected representatives of the people is making a grave mistake.

"In view of the Governor's statement, I now ask my opposing leader whether or not the program of action for this Convention as announced by the Governor is, as a matter of fact the program of those members of the Convention represented by Senator Crabiel's leadership."

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