

1 Of course, classification means general law. The very
2 concept in local government under State constitutions
3 of classification was developed to get around to some ex-
4 tent the requirement of general legislation. Where classi-
5 fication was upheld, it was upheld as a general law. That
6 has been the theory.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Classification is a protection
8 really in the sense of avoiding withdrawal of power.

9 DEAN FORDHAM: I don't understand.

10 MRS. FREEDLANDER: It is protection against
11 local law.

12 DEAN FORDHAM: No, I don't look at it that
13 way. Classification is a mechanism of flexibility.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: I was thinking where you have
15 the broad grant of power and then you have classification,
16 before you can take away any power, then it is protective
17 in that sense.

18 DEAN FORDHAM: I don't know that it is because
19 as I conceive it, the Legislature could take a given set
20 of powers away from all counties in one measure or could
21 take it away from a particular class if classification were