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2 MR. MELVIN: May I ask this question, please.
3 I think it was 1918 or 1917 when the home rule amendment
4 was adopted.

5 MRS. FREEDLANDER: 1916.

6 MR. MELVIN: Shortly after that the Legislature
7 passed 25(a). They were directed to do that by the con-
8 stitution.

9 I am wondering if the fears are really justified
10 that if we put the same provision in this new constitution,
11 requiring the Legislature to enact this broad grant of
12 express powers, that that is going to result in any material
13 lessening of home rule powers or that there's any real
14 justification for fearing they will be taken away, par-
15 ticularly if it is coupled with a further provision that
16 the Legislature cannot pass any laws pertaining only to one
17 county.

18 DR. LOEVY: You were describing the status quo.

19 MR. MELVIN: As far as home rule charter counties
20 are now concerned.

21 DR. LOEVY: Yes.