

1 that was not an abdication of Maryland sovereignty, to use
2 that old-fashioned term.

3 That is a legal reason for mentioning the thing
4 in the constitution, namely, this business of intergovern-
5 mental relations overlapping State lines. But it was
6 said, I think in your memorandum, there is some point in
7 doing it in order to give encouragement to people in the
8 State to recognize this to take advantage of available
9 authority. It is a difficult thing to work, but I think
10 on balance I would put it in.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: You would not go so far as to
12 actually include in your constitution provision for a
13 department or anything of that kind, leave it up to the
14 Legislature to carry it that step?

15 DEAN FORDHAM: Yes, I would. I wouldn't put
16 that in there any more than I would put in a department
17 of XYZ. I would leave that to the Legislature.

18 MR. BROOKS: As to initiative for originating
19 or suggesting intergovernmental authorities, internal
20 State, you think it is desirable to permit that initiative
21 either legislative or political subdivisionwise? In other