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2       words, alternatively, /would you confine it to the Legis-  
3       lature or political subdivisions?

4                   DEAN FORDHAM: I think both possibilities should  
5       be available. For example, the Legislature might want to  
6       cope with something that dealt with a whole river valley  
7       in the State which overlapped a lot of jurisdictional lines.  
8       It might very well want to take the initiative on some  
9       problem of protection of water supply for human consumption  
10      or whatnot.

11                   THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Melvin, have you any further  
12      questions you would like to ask of Dean Fordham?

13                   MR. MELVIN: Just one question. I am not really  
14      clear on it. That is, as I understand you, Dean Fordham,  
15      you feel the reason why it is dangerous or unwise to allow  
16      the Legislature to say what powers the local governments  
17      will have initially is the fear that they won't give them  
18      enough, and if they do give them powers, they can take  
19      them away?

20                   DEAN FORDHAM: No fear that they can take them  
21      away. There is the principal problem that the grant of  
22      power might not be broad enough in the first instance.