

1 What specific things or what examples can you think of
2 that, having the broad grant of powers, the home rule unit
3 would act, which would be to the detriment of the general
4 welfare? Since that seems to be where you hang up to some
5 extent, just exactly what would they actually do that would
6 be adverse to Statewide interest?

7 MR. MELVIN: In time I might be able to think
8 of some good examples, but to me it is such a novel idea
9 that I feel the way I do. I think I am also influenced by
10 the fact that the Legislature has done just that with res-
11 pect to the charter counties and, as far as I know, suc-
12 cessfully. I don't have the fear that the Legislature
13 will not do what we think it should do with respect to the
14 local powers.

15 I further have this feeling that in a State
16 government, the State Legislature should be the paramount
17 governmental unit of the entire State, and we shouldn't
18 limit its powers.

19 DEAN FORDHAM: Actually it remains paramount be-
20 cause it can take away or modify it.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Burdette.