

1 DR. BURDETTE: I might say to Mr. Melvin I had
2 some impression that one of the objections which Mr. Ratch-
3 ford brought here -- he is Executive Secretary of the
4 Maryland Association of County Commissioners, one of the
5 consultants to this group -- if we were in any serious
6 danger of classification, he would rather have the present
7 system because of the fact that, or at least would rather
8 have the system you are talking about, the system of the
9 Legislature granting powers -- I guess that is his exact
10 position, because he thought it would be possible to go
11 to the Legislature to get powers -- but if you allowed
12 classification to run rife, there would be small groups of
13 powerful interests opposed to dominant home rule officials
14 elected by the people.-- that is, specifically members of
15 the Legislature, who would enact legislation for those
16 classes.

17 We have come up with the idea this afternoon
18 of providing that no classification should have less than
19 two units. I would call your attention to the fact that
20 earlier in the afternoon, before speaking of two, Mr. Brooks
21 suggested three, I think. I didn't misunderstand you?