

1 Legislature. Baltimore City may be alone again.

2 DR. BURDETTE: I know that. I am interested
3 in Dean Fordham's testimony in essence that you don't have
4 the dichotomy. You say this, but this seems to flow from
5 it, that the dichotomy between the legislative delegation
6 from Philadelphia and the City Hall crowd, that has been
7 one of the big problems in Baltimore. What City Hall
8 wants, the legislative delegation doesn't want, they tend
9 to run the town.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any real drawback,
11 carrying Mr. Melvin's position forward and having the
12 Legislature have the responsibility of defining the powers
13 to the home rule units, do you believe or feel, or does
14 your experience indicate that that unduly ties up the
15 Legislature with matters of local concern rather than mat-
16 ters of general concern such as budget, finance, other mat-
17 ters Statewide?

18 DEAN FORDHAM: I think it has been true in some
19 states. I don't know the experience in this State. It
20 may be controlled so there's no problem, but in some states
21 like Florida or North Carolina or formerly in Tennessee,