

1 matters, and there has been no danger evident that they
2 are going to try to withdraw those powers. Conceivably,
3 the Legislature at its next session could withdraw all
4 the powers they have enacted in the express powers act,
5 they could repeal it.

6 DR. BURDETTE: I realize that Judge Adkins
7 brought up -- I can't speak for him, but I will try to
8 bring it up. You check me. I think he and I perhaps both
9 were a little afraid if we take a situation, let us say,
10 in Somerset County, we think about giving this broad grant
11 of home rule to counties and municipalities. Now, if
12 Somerset County got an idea that it is going to have oyster
13 fishing regulated one way and Crisfield has an idea to
14 regulate another way, or if you carry this along ad infinitum
15 to a great number of situations, you have chaos in the
16 State until the Legislature could be brought to withdraw
17 the power. I think Judge Adkins was afraid of that.

18 MR. MELVIN: That is essentially my point.

19 DR. BURDETTE: What do you think of that?

20 DEAN FORDHAM: I recognize the possibility.
21 You have to balance your values here and your desiderata.