

1 I would think by the time you got through here that you
2 would be very hopeful your Legislature would be responsive
3 to a problem like that and would not just let the public
4 interest languish in the situation but would do something.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: If you could do something by way
6 of a law that affected two counties and that was your
7 general definition of general purpose, you would be able
8 to act quickly enough certainly. I don't know if it would
9 take care of the situation of the town of Crisfield and
10 the County of Somerset because that wouldn't fall within
11 the definition of general purpose that would permit the
12 Legislature to act, because there it is a municipality and
13 a county.

14 DEAN FORDHAM: The point is it wouldn't have
15 to be confined to two counties. The legislation could be
16 applicable to all counties for that particular problem.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: If they had oysters up in Allegany --

18 DEAN FORDHAM: It wouldn't make any difference.
19 It would apply to all counties.

20 MR. MELVIN: That is a favorite trick to take
21 care of local matters, by passing a general Statewide law,