

1 here apply to the establishment of regional governments.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Bard?

3 DR. BARD: It seems to me that the intent of the
4 motion is to help those who believe that there ought to be
5 a number of choices and alternatives, to defeat the very
6 purpose which we intend. The whole concept of setting up
7 regional governments side by side with other possibilities
8 was to prepare us for transition periods which are likely
9 to last for 25, 50 or more years.

10 The way the motion reads, the concept is to ab-
11 sorb. Now, we all realize that this is the very fear which
12 many people in Maryland have and, if we set this forth,
13 it's perfectly understandable that this is the kiss of death.

14 MR. SCANLAN: That's its purpose.

15 DR. BARD: Well, I'm just putting it in the
16 minutes.

17 MR. HOFF: I think his Honor is using the old
18 legislative gimmick of sweetening this to the point of
19 palatability and, although this may be his desire, I think
20 it departs from the results we're trying to arrive at here
21 today.