

1 going far enough.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? I would
3 like to state my own views just briefly. I am fully in ac-
4 cord with the concerns expressed by Mr. Case. I think they
5 are very real concerns, but I don't think that the solution
6 here is any solution.. I think all we do is to put the
7 Legislature and the people in a straight jacket by taking
8 away completely any power of providing a solution to the
9 many problems other than by consolidation of counties, and
10 I think our experience in recent years indicates that we
11 must have as much flexibility as we can.

12 I think the problems that are present, financial
13 problems, are problems which can be resolved by the
14 Legislature and by the legislative bodies of the partici-
15 pating counties in any region. Judge Adkins?

16 JUDGE ADKINS: First of all, I did not make the
17 motion in an attempt to kill the concept of regional govern-
18 ment, despite the rather sinister motives that have been at-
19 tributed to me. I do see a real place for regional govern-
20 ments in Maryland local governmental demands. They may in-
21 deed be fast upon us. I do not think there is a demand for