

1 power over, say police authority, if you want to set up a
2 regional government that's going to have police authority
3 in Baltimore, in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, I don't
4 see how you can draft legislation affecting all of the
5 counties in the classes -- all of the classes of counties
6 which are going to be included in this area on any reasonable
7 basis, because if you want to do it in the Baltimore area,
8 it doesn't mean you want to do it in the Washington area,
9 and yet you are bound to have counties that are going to be
10 in the same classes. I think you've got to have an excep-
11 tion here.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: No, I think your question -- and
13 this is the point that was the subject of the discussion
14 at the earlier meeting. You are not depriving anybody from
15 the power to make such a law. You are simply saying the
16 General Assembly doesn't have the power. The participating
17 counties have it. And this is consistent with the whole
18 concept presented by the Committee, that the General As-
19 sembly does not have the power of local legislation except
20 within the classifications of counties.

21 This is, I think, precisely the question that