

1 It mandates this referendum upon the creation of a regional  
2 government.

3 I think that we have all come to understand that  
4 one of the most important aims of the Convention here has  
5 been to strengthen the General Assembly. The local govern-  
6 ment provisions seek to do this, while at the same time  
7 strengthening local government. But the Local Government  
8 Committee does not believe that any county should be so  
9 strengthened as to be able to prevent the General Assembly  
10 from effectively dealing with problems which extend beyond  
11 county boundaries.

12 One other request of some county commissioners  
13 and county executives was that no so-called popularly  
14 elected, representative regional government be created by  
15 the General Assembly without either, (1) the consent of  
16 the county government; or (2) the consent of the voters  
17 within each county.

18 Either way, the result is the same.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Moser, your time is nearly  
20 up.

21 DELEGATE MOSER: How many minutes do I have to