

1 Sections 11 to 18 of 23A, they described how the charter
2 amendments were to be made by the municipalities. Section
3 11 of Article 23A of the Code says: "Every municipal
4 corporation in this State shall proceed as in this sub-
5 heading provided in exercising and applying the powers for
6 the amendment of municipal charters which are granted thereto
7 by Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland."

8 Now, the remaining sections, from 12 to 18, are
9 details of procedures about the resolutions, posting,
10 publication, referendum, et cetera.

11 Now, when the Local Government Article was re-
12 ported out of the committee, we said specifically that the
13 municipal corporations shall continue to exercise all those
14 powers which they now have. As a result, this language has
15 not been changed in either the Committee of the Whole or
16 the Committee on Style and Drafting and still remains the
17 very same if you look at Article 7.05 in line 48 on page
18 3. It says, "or their existing powers as drawn," et cetera.

19 What we are talking about is the existing powers.
20 The memorandum which accompanied the Local Government
21 Committee report on this said specifically, "Your