

1 wise in this limited area of natural resources.

2 Now, this area is an area in which the State is
3 geared to act. It has the agencies, the Department of
4 Natural Resources, the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs,
5 and the Department of Game and Inland Fish, the Department
6 of Means.

7 The counties are not geared to act in this area,
8 only the State, and I doubt, and I think it would be very
9 unwise that the counties be given much authority in this
10 area.

11 I too am against the counties acting greatly
12 in this area and I am not for counties passing their own
13 local laws in these areas, but if the State is to wisely
14 act with regard to natural resources, it must have the
15 flexibility so that it can take action where it thinks it
16 necessary in these areas.

17 The result of this amendment I suggest would be
18 harmful. It would mean this, among two effects: First,
19 that the variations would have to be turned over to an
20 agency of the State with no state control over that agency
21 to change a regulation which varied from county to county