

1 necessarily a divorce, although there will be times when
2 that phrase will be used, but an effective separation
3 between the local government area and the area of responsi-
4 bility of this assembly.

5 It seems to me that as we move in the direction
6 of the 40-80 and as we move away from the local arena
7 and into the arena of responsibility of this assembly, there
8 must necessarily be a severing of certain cords and lines
9 of direction, and that works both ways, from the people
10 to the members of the Assembly and from the Assembly back
11 to those people.

12 I suggest to you that the geographic limitations
13 of this small state are such that you will never effectively
14 divorce the relationship between the General Assembly and
15 its members and the people whom they represent.

16 It is merely a matter of reorientation of
17 thinking, and the expectation which we have in accomplishing
18 that reorientation, that the General Assembly will assume
19 its responsibility on a state-wide, throughout the state
20 level, and that the local governments will assume their
21 responsibility in the local area.