

1 essential that we try to provide that each county has its
2 own individual representative?

3 I submit that it is not, although it is regret-
4 table that we cannot reasonably do this today or in the
5 future.

6 It will obviously become an even more difficult
7 problem in the future.

8 It is not essential that we so provide today,
9 because the historical basis for individual representation in
10 the General Assembly will no longer exist in the future
11 if the recommendations of the Local Government Committee
12 are accepted by this Constitutional Convention.

13 Only four counties out of 23 today have home rule
14 government.

15 I hope, and I think it is one of the most basic
16 goals of this Constitutional Convention, that we mandate
17 home rule for each county so that each county can handle
18 its local matters on a local level. It will no longer be
19 necessary for the county delegation in the General Assembly
20 to be the local legislature for that county.

21 Therefore, it is not essential, although