

1 by a member of the minority, that the
2 reason we provided for functional divisions was to permit
3 some flexibility in particularly urban areas where it
4 would be important in the committee's view to have a civil
jurisdiction and a criminal jurisdiction.

5 You can do that in Baltimore City and some other
6 urban areas but you need not do that perhaps in Talbot
7 County or some other small county.

8 DELEGATE JOHNSON: So although you can answer
9 part of the problem by functional division, in our view
10 you could not take care of the possibility of the need for
11 creation of a tax court unless you provided for tax court
12 jurisdiction in every district court or superior court
13 in the state. That would be the same way with the court
14 of claims. It would be the same way with a labor court,
15 because if you are going to have a uniform judicial court
16 system, then the jurisdiction has to be uniform.

17 We are in favor of that, but we think these
18 special courts ought to be provided for if they are needed
19 and that we should not tie the legislature's hands in
20 creating them if the need arises.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hargrove.

DELEGATE HARGROVE: Delegate Johnson, by