

1 to is some of the counties are going to take advantage
2 of this article which will be up for referendum in 1966,
3 llF, I believe it is, Code Counties?

4 MR. RATCHFORD: No, not so much the Code
5 County, but more in line with -- there is a provision of
6 the law, Article 25, which is the general County Commis-
7 sioners law in the State of Maryland. One of the sections,
8 Section 3, has, I believe, twenty-five enumerated powers
9 that a County Board can exercise. Many of the counties
10 are exempted from this. They are beginning to take off
11 some of these exemptions; that is one phase.

12 I think it will be done not so much in refer-
13 ence to the Code or home rule, but in what they can do by
14 local legislation this year which perhaps, next time
15 around, they will not have a senator and they would rather
16 get it done now. As I said, this will be done through
17 local law, but they will make some changes in perhaps the
18 type of analysis Miss Spencer and Mr. Nash made in their
19 studies, that I feel sure you would want to take into
20 account in your own analysis.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: I am sure we would, and that is