

1                   MR. BROOKS: A great deal of study, but I am  
2 not so sure the pattern is as much similar as Virginia,  
3 insofar as Maryland has exceedingly strong counties and  
4 the emphasis in North Carolina has been municipal govern-  
5 ment and there they have rather strong local government.

6                   DR. BURDETT: I was thinking of the voices in  
7 the legislature which come from the county delegations,  
8 as in Maryland, and I don't know how much it has been  
9 departed from in North Carolina.

10                  THE CHAIRMAN: Let me make this comment. I  
11 think that moves on naturally into our third question for  
12 research, but before I get into that, which I will state  
13 in just a minute, let me have the comment of Mr. Thompson.

14                  MR. THOMPSON: Thank you. I should like to  
15 underscore the suggestion of Professor Burdett because  
16 one of the areas I think in Maryland local government  
17 which has received a great deal of comment in recent  
18 years has been the area of annexation by municipal govern-  
19 ments, and certainly North Carolina is a state which has  
20 done a good deal in that area and quite recently and I'm  
21 not sure, in fact, but that legislation, that is to say,