

1 raised. Would you like to make a comment?

2 DR. LOEY: Well, from the tenor of the luncheon
3 that Jack Jones and I had, we were concerned here with
4 something that was raised at the last meeting, just what
5 is meant by home rule, and I really think you need someone
6 with legal training to look at the concept of home rule
7 as it is applied in Maryland; just what powers does home
8 rule deny to the legislature.

9 He raised the point, and I agree with him, if
10 we put in compulsory home rule without knowing just what
11 we mean, we might get into some trouble. We may be taking
12 powers away from the legislature that we do not want to,
13 particularly in view of the fact that the tendency in
14 local government has been to pass more and more functions
15 up to the state level, I think, rather than to leave it at
16 the local level. So, I think that is one thing that should
17 be looked into, and this brings up then the question of
18 enumeration.

19 If there is no set legal definition of home
20 rule that has emerged from the pattern of court decisions,
21 do we want to establish a definition in the Constitution