

1 JUDGE ADKINS: Dr. Bard.

2 DR. BARD: Governor, your presence today gives
3 us an unusual advantage in that you have been Governor
4 of the State of Maryland on two occasions now and Mayor on
5 two occasions, and so my question, in a sense, is directed
6 to you in terms of these dual experiences which you have
7 had. Article 11-A deals with Home Rule and local legis-
8 lation. To your mind, might the provisions in respect to
9 Charter Home Rule be extended in order to give a community
10 like Baltimore City more Home Rule than it now secures?
11 An illustration of that would be the requirement to be
12 secured from the Legislature in order to float a loan, let
13 us say.

14 MAYOR MCKELDIN: Yes. Of course, that's a
15 terrible thing, of course, that Baltimore should subject
16 itself to that, but yet we never get it. The members of
17 the Baltimore delegation under Democrats and Republicans,
18 they just won't give it to us. The counties have it, but
19 we don't have it, and we try every year to get it, and we
20 are trying this time, and I don't know whether we are going
21 to get it or not, but before we can float a loan, we have