

1 functions; also, a study on what is being done about small
2 cities in other states.

3 Now, inherent in that, of course, is the con-
4 templation that some of these small units will be eliminated
5 and that we move toward an annexation or consolidation of
6 some of these small municipalities into a larger municipal
7 group; but, certainly, we've got to know how they are set
8 up before we can do or even contemplate that as a possi-
9 bility. Mr. Thompson?

10 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, this is a point
11 in which I would agree with a remark that was made earlier
12 by a member of your Committee, to the effect that it is
13 not necessary for this committee to go into great detail.

14 I think, at this point, the authority ought to
15 be provided in the Constitution for any such action to be
16 taken, but I would think that the Constitution is perhaps
17 the place only to provide for the basic authority and not
18 to provide for the elimination or the construction.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: I think that raises an inter-
20 esting question which we certainly all have to be con-
21 sidering. It seems to me, we've got two functions. Not