

1 that going to have in Prince Georges County. I think
2 there has been a movement and it is clearly evident as
3 the years have gone by in the direction of acceptance of
4 home rule, but you still have a very, very strong, well-
5 organized group that just doesn't like the idea. Mr.
6 Thompson?

7 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I believe it is
8 evident to anyone reading the Constitution and the Annotated
9 Code of this State immediately that there are numerous
10 special provisions made for the City of Baltimore. It is
11 treated as an entity virtually unto itself and virtually
12 the only kind in the State and it would appear to me it
13 might be worthy of consideration and note when one is
14 discussing the possibility of classification or categori-
15 zation or however one may word that approach, of creating
16 a system which would include Baltimore City as part of an
17 over-all system, rather than regarding it as completely
18 without and beyond, and I think this may have the advantage
19 of integrating the governments and providing for more
20 intergovernmental cooperation, if indeed every local
21 governmental entity in the State is part of a State of