

1 Baltimore City is also provided for in the home rule
2 charter, although it appears Baltimore City would have to
3 have a charter movement there. It is very vague. Does
4 anyone know what the relation is here? Apparently,
5 Baltimore City could abandon its present charter and
6 create a new chartered government under the home rule
7 county charter provision.

8 MR. MELVIN: Wasn't that charter passed by the
9 Legislature?

10 THE CHAIRMAN: The Baltimore City Charter?

11 MR. MELVIN: Yes.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Actually, was it passed by the
13 Legislature or by resolution? It was a demand. Of course
14 the constitutional provision is on demand, the Mayor will
15 then forthwith select his board and then provision is made
16 for other ways of selecting members and then they get
17 together and the question is submitted, whether or not a
18 charter will be written and the personnel is selected at
19 the same time.

20 MR. RATCHFORD: The City had the charter before
21 H.A. was enacted. They had a City Charter.