

1 mandatory. I think there is going to have to be some  
2 middle ground, preferably voluntary, but I don't think it  
3 would work out in the metropolitan areas.

4 As far as the other aspects, how you write your  
5 home rule provisions, I think again it would bear study  
6 after you have your analysis of what home rule is. I  
7 think if you prohibit the Legislature from doing every-  
8 thing, you can put your subdivisions too far away from the  
9 State. On the other hand, when you start to enumerate  
10 things, in constitutions, at least, you create great  
11 problems of inflexibility.

12 I don't really know the answer to that until  
13 I have studied it and until I have seen some of the legal  
14 analyses, and this I might suggest would be one important  
15 area to do some staff research in, this one on what is  
16 home rule.

17 The creation of new units of local government,  
18 I think again this is better perhaps left on the local  
19 level, but with the Legislature providing some general  
20 guidance. In other words, to say it can be done, the  
21 counties and cities can consolidate or consolidate