

1 governmental units, permissive legislation would be
2 needed by the Legislature, not in the Constitution, per-
3 haps.

4 Resolving all city-county conflicts in favor
5 of counties; I think I can answer that easily, yes, and
6 my good friend Mr. Thompson might perhaps go the other
7 way on it. I think here again we have to know what the
8 conflicts are we are talking about. Certainly, there are
9 many patterns of city-county areas of services where there
10 are conflicts, but I think the more you provide the means
11 of settling on a local level, the better off you are.
12 You can never legislate cooperation, except by hitting
13 somebody over the head, and I'm never really in favor of
14 hitting people over the head unless I have to.

15 Whether to give local subdivisions complete
16 financial authority; personally, I don't think this should
17 be. I think one of the things that we have been for-
18 tunate about in Maryland is that our Constitution does
19 not stipulate many financial provisions in it, other than
20 the State budget provision, the State bond issues; but,
21 as far as tax limits, taxation, we have not been hampered