

1 suggest again something New York has tried, where their  
2 "ripper" bills, in other words, stripping out the authority  
3 of local governments, must be passed in two consecutive  
4 sessions. In other words, it gets through the first  
5 session and doesn't take effect until the Legislature  
6 gets back and accomplishes it again. That's one way of  
7 doing it. They seemed pleased with it up in New York.

8 I don't know whether it has worked this well  
9 or not, but I am not really too concerned about "ripper"  
10 bills. Perhaps I am being a little naive here, but as  
11 long as you have to treat all the counties or cities as  
12 a group, I think you can stop the "ripper" bills in the  
13 Legislature, at least if the counties are willing to  
14 stand up as a group and, if they are not willing to stand  
15 up, perhaps they deserve to get ripped.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr.  
17 Ratchford. I might suggest to Dr. Loevy, since he is  
18 taking our minutes and is going to digest them with the  
19 aid of our missing reporter, that I contemplate asking  
20 when we finally get to the point where we have decided  
21 on our policy questions to be submitted, that there be a