

1 authority over the Charter Counties, because --

2 MR. BENTON: At present, yes, but I do not know
3 what may come out of your deliberations in reference to the
4 classification of counties.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: But what you are saying is, in
6 effect, that so long as we have strictly a County Commission-
7 er type of government; that it would be proper in that case
8 for the legislature to control?

9 MR. BENTON: I'm not certain of that. Does the
10 Constitutional Revision Commission not have under con-
11 sideration the classification of counties by population
12 groups?

13 THE CHAIRMAN: It does, but again let me put
14 my question to you. Assume that the counties are to stay
15 as they are, then your recommendation only goes to the
16 Charter Counties?

17 MR. BENTON: I would see no reason why Prince
18 George's County, which is not a Charter County, would need
19 to go to the legislature.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: I think the reason is that the
21 County Commissioners do not have the authority to pass a