

1 law.

2 MR. BENTON: Right.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: And you have to have a law before  
4 you can have a bond issue, and if you are going to give  
5 that kind of liberty to Prince George's, even though it is  
6 very big and a sophisticated county, it seems to me you will  
7 have to give it to Carroll County which is smaller and be-  
8 coming sophisticated and still have to go into Garrett  
9 County, where you've got perhaps more of a rural situation.

10 MR. BENTON: By contrast, none of the municipali-  
11 ties except Baltimore City need to go to the legislature  
12 to create a debt, no matter how large or how small they  
13 may be.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: That is because, of course, you  
15 have complete home rule for the municipalities, and it  
16 seems to me that where you have complete home rule, then  
17 your recommendation is consistent; but where you don't  
18 have complete home rule and where the legislature has not  
19 vested in the local elected officials the power to pass  
20 laws, then it seems to me that your recommendation ought  
21 perhaps be confined to the places where there has been