

1 by surprise; Doctor, when Mr. Thompson gets through, I am  
2 going to ask you to give us the benefit of your thoughts  
3 insofar as either rephrasing or additional policy ques-  
4 tions to be included in our submitting to the Commission  
5 as a whole, similar to the question I was touching upon  
6 when I talked to you on the phone the other day. Mr.  
7 Thompson?

8 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
9 particularly appreciate the wording of the question as  
10 you put it to Mr. Ratchford, my colleague, and I assume  
11 that question, as you said, has been put to me, because  
12 it really is a matter of reaction in view of the fact I  
13 have not had a great deal of time to carefully review  
14 and to digest the proposed policy questions which you have  
15 here.

16 I would think that the activity of the Commit-  
17 tee as a whole would be guided by the thought which I  
18 think you expressed, perhaps not exactly this way, that  
19 really what we are out to do is provide a basis for the  
20 ideal local government in the State of Maryland and if  
21 that question is a background question, is an underlying