

1 you said that while you recommend the State pass a general
2 home rule type legislation to permit all of the counties
3 including Baltimore City to issue any bonds they wanted to
4 upon the adoption of an appropriate resolution by the
5 governing body of that political subdivision, but you
6 thought the bonds should be voted. Why do you make that
7 recommendation?

8 MR. BENTON: About the bond being voted?

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Because -- let me tell you,
10 with your complaint being the question of time lag, the
11 voting of the bond is almost as serious, if not as serious,
12 and certainly is a big contributing factor to your delay
13 in Baltimore City as to getting the approval of the legis-
14 lature.

15 MR. BENTON: Correct. I would say that both
16 serve to delay, that we have a compounded situation now,
17 and what I was suggesting is that the State authorization
18 be eliminated and it would help materially. I feel on many
19 of the large projects, it would entail substantial additional
20 maintenance cost and debt service in future years. The
21 voters should have an opportunity to express themselves.