

1 I think again this relates to home rule. How
2 much authority does the local government or unit have, and
3 it simply relates to an aspect of home rule, namely in the
4 area of finance.

5 Now, there has been some talk, particularly
6 of late, about the current urgency of the subject of a
7 new tax structure or form for the State of Maryland. The
8 now very well known Cooper-Hughes plan, which is very
9 much talked about, there has been some talk about being
10 able to levy income tax. Now, I am informed by some
11 persons who have been active in the Cooper Commission
12 study that there are some persons who believe that
13 theoretically this is sound, to give this income tax
14 authority to the local government.

15 I think it is a good question, properly phrased,
16 and one that should be put to the Committee, and I think
17 the authority should be quite broad. Now, whether it
18 should be so broad as to leave the State without any con-
19 trol at all, I think I am not prepared to answer at this
20 time. I think I really have said what I can say about
21 question 9 already, with respect to home rule powers.