

1 constitutional revision today is your Legislature. You
2 have a tremendously difficult problem of making represen-
3 tative government work in this country. If we can really
4 strengthen our Legislatures and get them to the point they
5 are able to take an overview about the problems that
6 confront a state, then it would seem to me you could feel
7 confident in leaving the laying down of policy by general
8 statute on something like changes in local boundaries to
9 your Legislature to be done under general law.

10 It does seem to me that to have the idea built
11 into your constitution of a local veto on boundary changes
12 as to your basic units runs in the direction of inflex-
13 ibility and is of dubious desirability.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: On that point, our thought at
15 this stage of the thing and in this first report, the power
16 to create new counties, cities or other political sub-
17 divisions will rest with the Legislature emanating from the
18 constitution.

19 The referendum we speak of, when a new basic
20 political subdivision is created, would be a Statewide
21 referendum. It would not be restricted only to the