

1 unless the constitution grants the broadest powers to the
2 counties to have their own charter form of government, the
3 people will be subject to the absolute decision of that
4 one individual.

5 I just wanted to make that point as we discuss
6 it because I have been around enough to know there is a
7 great deal of feeling on this question.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Loevy.

9 DR. LOEVY: Well, just to give you a little
10 background of what led me to write this report was in
11 beginning some summer research for the Committee, I have
12 done extensive research mostly oriented toward looking
13 toward the present home rule situation in the State of
14 Maryland. I felt, one, one point where the Committee had
15 failed to have adequate force was on just what the exact
16 home rule situation in Maryland is. That is the purpose
17 of this report. As you can see, what I discovered was
18 there really are three different types of home rule powers
19 in the State, soon to be four.

20 I came to the conclusion as I was working on
21 this, what started me in this direction, of course, was