

1 I think if we mandated the Legislature to
2 preserve broad powers in such language, that the Court of
3 Appeals would have to uphold the intent of the constitu-
4 tion. In the next step, if we provided that the adjust-
5 ments which the Legislature should make should be by
6 Statewide law -- I use that term, Statewide law, because
7 I think in Maryland, if we talk about general public law,
8 we discover that becomes for a single unit of government
9 through our system of exceptions -- you are familiar
10 perhaps with this, Dean Fordham, one can have a general
11 public law in Maryland applying to the whole State but
12 find that 22 out of the 23 counties have been exempted
13 from it, so it becomes in fact, public local law although
14 it is called public general law.

15 I would like to avoid that. Where I get stuck, I
16 think this quickly moves us to classification. While we
17 might limit classification, I don't know how to limit it
18 without getting Baltimore City in a class by itself. I
19 think this is just as bad for Baltimore City as it would
20 be for Queen Anne County from which Mr. Miles comes.

21 MR. BROOKS: One alternative, this is a kind of