

1 various alternatives with regard to policy. I frankly  
2 don't see any point in submitting all these questions to  
3 the Commission unless we have made up our minds on them  
4 first or at least made up our minds.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Ridge, I would agree with that,  
6 except I feel it might be helpful to us to get some idea  
7 of the thinking of the Commission before we make up our  
8 minds; in other words, to see that the dog and its tail  
9 get attached. We've got to get some thinking of the  
10 Commission or we're going to be out in the cold somewhere,  
11 if we don't do it. So, my thinking is, actually, if I  
12 may -- make your comments, please, Mr. Thompson.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I would just like  
14 to make this brief comment and that is that although I  
15 realize it applies to a narrow and particular area of  
16 government, nevertheless, I think it is such an important  
17 problem that you really ought to give some thought to it  
18 and that is one of the greatest inequities in local  
19 government today is thought by most of us in the municipi-  
20 pal government is the problem of double taxation, that  
21 citizens of municipalities pay the taxes of the