

1 municipality and the taxes of the county; and you referred
2 yourself, I think for other reasons, to the town of
3 Takoma Park in your discussion.

4 I have repeatedly heard officials of that town
5 point out that the tax rate of their town, when added to
6 the tax rate of the county, exceeds that of the city of
7 Baltimore, generally regarded to have the highest tax
8 rate in the State. I realize you are studying forms of
9 government, but somehow, some way, this great problem
10 might perhaps be considered. I am grateful to you for
11 permitting me to add that addendum to my opinion.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ratchford, I would like to
13 give you the same opportunity. Do you have any further
14 comment you would like to make?

15 MR. RATCHFORD: No, I don't think so, Mr.
16 Claggett. It's been analyzed very well. I'm afraid we
17 cut Mr. Melvin off.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: The limitations of time, and
19 really out of consideration for the time of each of you,
20 it is now according to my watch 4:27. I would like to
21 take advantage of your presence and continue further, but