

1 I did want to make that preliminary observation.

2 Another preliminary observation is, I feel  
3 quite inadequate in that I lack the understanding of your  
4 system. I have learned something about it here, but I  
5 don't understand it adequately. I speak more in broad  
6 general terms than with any conviction that what I might  
7 say might really be appropriate for Maryland, I don't  
8 know.

9 Some of the terminology that has been used is  
10 a little unusual to me. You spoke of mandatory home rule.  
11 Is it conceived, Dr. Loevy, that this would be mandatory  
12 home rule? Would you describe it as that?

13 DR. LOEVY: No. When we are speaking of man-  
14 datory home rule, what we are talking about is that each  
15 local subdivision has to create a home rule type govern-  
16 ment either through a charter or through a code. This is home  
17 rule powers.

18 DEAN FORDHAM: I would interpret this as option-  
19 al.

20 DR. LOEVY: Yes.

21 DR. BURDETTE: I think Dr. Loevy is limiting it