

1 Leave it as it is?

2 DR. BURDETTE: I would not freeze it, but it
3 ought to be subject to change and it ought to be locally
4 changed or possibly legislative change. There are two
5 ways of changing it locally. One is that, there are
6 many ways, two ways I would advocate: One, that the coun-
7 ty governing body could propose changes subject to refer-
8 endum, basic changes in structure of government or,
9 alternatively, and alternatively, I would favor the "and",
10 that there may be a petition in the electorate in the
11 county to change the government. That being subject to
12 a referendum.

13 This, I think, I have argued, everybody here
14 perhaps heard it over and over again, maybe I better men-
15 tion it, I think our great trouble with charter in Maryland
16 has been this home rule as understood in Maryland means
17 people in counties must get up a petition to say we ought
18 to create a body of people like us here to get up a charter
19 to submit it to the people. The very fundamental impli-
20 cation is, we are going to throw out the present County
21 Commissioners.