

1 believe your opinion is that the County Commissioner
2 form as you know it in Prince Georges County could not
3 adequately exercise this broad grant of powers. Is that
4 what you mean?

5 THE CHAIRMAN: That's what I mean. I am grow-
6 ing to see how they could do it.

7 DR. BURDETTE: Why would a County Council be any
8 better? They are the same type of group of human beings.

9 DEAN FORDHAM: I see no overwhelming problem
10 there. In Ohio under Article 18, Section 3 of their
11 constitution, all municipalities are given substantive
12 powers of home rule without adopting any charter. Sub-
13 stantive powers are granted directly. If they adopt a
14 charter, it becomes an instrument of limitation rather
15 than grant to use the language of real property. That
16 is how it would operate. This conceptually makes sense to me
17 to do it that way. You don't have to, but I don't know
18 why you can't. In Maryland, you could permit in a county
19 such as the one you spoke of which is doing well if you
20 permit widest freedom as to adoption of a form of govern-
21 ment the local electorate would probably prefer to keep