

1 the form they have.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to have your comment
3 and then I am going, on this particular point, and then I
4 am going to ask that we let you have a full and wide range
5 of approach to any matters you might feel are of concern
6 to this Committee. That is, would you give the grant of
7 power in the form of a broad one as we defined it, being
8 the residual, and if so, why do you take that point of
9 view rather than trying to define it?

10 DEAN FORDHAM: Yes, I very much would. I
11 wouldn't stick to every jot and tittle of this thing I
12 drafted in '53. There are some things I might change, but
13 I still embrace the general philosophy of the idea of the
14 broad grant of power which means that you are committed
15 in your State in substance to a real philosophy of local
16 autonomy. At the same time, however, you leave the Legis-
17 lature in position to take the broad overview to serve
18 the broader interests in matters which reach beyond the
19 scope of a local unit and to take into account changes.
20 In this way, the Legislature can always step in and act
21 in a way that protects its general interest.