

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Doesn't that mandate classifi-  
2 cation in order to have flexibility?

3 DEAN FORDHAM: No, I don't think so, not so  
4 far as the charter cities are concerned. It means that the  
5 classification is desirable as to the non-charter units,  
6 but as to the charter units, that is built in flexibility,  
7 isn't it? Under this A.M.A. scheme as to the non-charter  
8 units, the theory is they operate under a genuine general  
9 statute, not one applicable to one local unit, but a  
10 general one. It is permissible to classify usually by  
11 population. In addition, you can have further flexibility  
12 by optional charter schemes with respect to forms of  
13 government.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Now, because of the restrictions  
15 of time, I would like to more or less make available to  
16 you time to cover any and all matters you might feel of  
17 direct concern to a committee such as this and wrestling  
18 with the problems we are. This is only phase of them.  
19 We would like to give you freedom to go ahead and comment  
20 generally on any matters you think are of concern to us.

21 DEAN FORDHAM: That is broad scope, sir. I don't