

1 refined your classification could be. In some states  
2 they say the Legislature may classify municipalities into  
3 not more than six classes. They do that kind of thing.  
4 You have to figure out some way of controlling the classi-  
5 fication so it couldn't get too refined.

6 MRS. FREEDLANDER: Mr. Chairman, could I ask  
7 Dean Fordham a question?

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Freedlander.

9 MRS. FREEDLANDER: You refer in the materials  
10 we have read that you have written, as well as verbally,  
11 to municipalities. It has been stated and I think it has  
12 been borne out that we don't have the problem of municipal-  
13 ities. We have Baltimore City, not part of a county, and  
14 23 counties. We have counties as our major political sub-  
15 divisions.

16 Would you say the principle you have laid down  
17 for municipalities would apply absolutely or relatively to  
18 this question?

19 DEAN FORDHAM: I wouldn't dare say they apply  
20 absolutely, but as far as I can see, I would say cautiously  
21 they apply, yes, because really your county here is a general