

1 function unit in the very broad sense.

2 People outside the State look upon Montgomery
3 County, Maryland, as a veritable laboratory of governmental
4 development, an interesting development. We know about
5 its home rule charter, and so on. I would think it applies
6 in principle.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: What is the danger of classifica-
8 tion? You mentioned or touched upon it when you said
9 become oversimplified.

10 DEAN FORDHAM: The danger of classification in
11 one sense is what Mr. Miles referred to a while ago. If
12 you classify to the point where in effect you can deal with
13 each county by itself, then you go back to the existing
14 pattern where the representative from the county speaks for
15 the county and that's it. That is one danger of it. It
16 is back scratching within the Legislature where nobody else
17 in the Legislature will object to the position he takes as
18 to his county.

19 MR. BROOKS: You want a minimum number of members
20 of classification.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Along that specific line, what