

1 MR. BOND: And, of course, my point is that
2 is not bad, because you have different pressures and
3 different problems in Somerset or Garrett County than you
4 do in Baltimore City or Montgomery County. I think that
5 is the crux.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: I suggest to you there is
7 another problem. I don't know how much it is involved,
8 but as I understand it, the Committee on Political Sub-
9 divisions is considering some kind of a prohibition against
10 local legislation or at least their objective is to take
11 the legislature out of the business of making separate
12 provisions for various counties.

13 Whether this would conflict actually with that
14 provision, I don't know. It would conflict with the spirit
15 of it, if they gave the Legislature the jurisdiction or
16 authority to provide differently for the jurisdiction of
17 the District Court in various places throughout the State.

18 MR. CLAGETT: Well, Mr. Chairman, on that point,
19 it would certainly require the utilization by the General
20 Assembly of the power of classification, it seems to me,
21 because otherwise it would be local legislation, as we