

1 elasticity of governmental selection or determination or
2 choice in the phrase, Or other civil divisions.

3 Now, other civil divisions will include towns
4 and villages or any other governmental unit that the
5 General Assembly determines shall be necessary by reason
6 of metropolitan growth or any other reason, and it would
7 include whatever definition the General Assembly would
8 give to it, such as regional government or any other form
9 of government. But the Committee has determined that for
10 the present, at least, and for the foreseeable future, the
11 counties and cities would be the basic political sub-
12 divisions, rather than going into or providing in the Con-
13 stitution for regional governments of any kind.

14 We felt that to set up regional governments in
15 the Constitution would be setting up amorphous units that
16 would be depersonalizing and drawing away from our primary
17 purpose, as we conceived it to be, of revitalizing the
18 counties. Although the idea of regional areas was care-
19 fully considered at that time and then, as recommended in
20 the First Report, rejected.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: May I ask a question, Mr. Clagett?