

1 meaning, it might mean counties existing at the time of the
2 Constitution being adopted.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Can the word existing be deleted?

4 MR. CLAGETT: Yes. It makes no difference.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other question on Paragraph
6 (b)? Mr. Gentry?

7 MR. GENTRY: Very minor. Why do we need the
8 last two lines after the word, State? You have already
9 stated the voters of the State --

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Let me suggest, since Mr.
11 Clagett said he's not concerned with language and we're
12 pressed for time, we not consider it. I would like to ask
13 a question for clarification, following Mr. Brooks' comment.

14 Do you intend by the last sentence to require a
15 statewide referendum in the situation that he put to you,
16 namely more than three counties, but in completely diverse
17 sections of the State? Suppose you were changing the
18 boundaries of two counties on the Eastern Shore and two
19 counties in Western Maryland. Is it intended that this
20 require a statewide referendum?

21 MR. CLAGETT: By a reading of the specific