

1 language, the answer would be yes.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm not asking about language.  
3 What is the intent?

4 MR. CLAGETT: The intent was -- the intent was  
5 still yes. When the General Assembly began dealing with  
6 more than three counties, we then felt it became a matter  
7 of statewide concern and therefore should involve a state-  
8 wide referendum. Three or less --

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Then I have to ask you another  
10 question. Dealing with more than three counties in one  
11 bill or in one section or in one term of the Legislature?  
12 Which would you mean?

13 MR. CLAGETT: We would mean in one bill in one  
14 term or one session of the Legislature.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Then, if that were so, wouldn't  
16 you be providing and easing the mechanics and avoiding the  
17 problem by simply putting it in two bills?

18 MR. CLAGETT: You still have the protection by  
19 referendum of the area affected.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, but I'm thinking of the  
21 last sentence.