

1 MR. CLAGETT: If you adopted that method, I
2 would say that you could avoid it.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any rationale to re-
4 quiring a referendum, if you are dealing with two distinct
5 problems? Statewide referendum, I should have said.

6 MR. CLAGETT: No, I don't believe there is, be-
7 cause I think that goes back to even/^amore basic approach.
8 Many members, or at one point the Committee did not want
9 to have any referendum restriction at all, because where
10 you include referendum, to some extent you are restricting
11 and therefore denying the flexibility of action on the
12 part of the General Assembly to change boundaries and
13 create new forms of civil divisions, but when we came be-
14 fore the Commission at the time of the First Report we got
15 the distinct impression that referendum protection, namely,
16 some restriction upon action by the General Assembly, was
17 desirable and what we have now contained here, as John
18 Brooks pointed out, was a compromise of thinking, a com-
19 promise along the line of still giving to the General
20 Assembly flexibility to change, but nevertheless putting
21 some restrictions upon it.