

1 MRS BOTHE: I have a query on this taxing prob-
2 lem which may not go to the motion, I hope it does, but the
3 impression I get is that only authorities may be authorized
4 to collect taxes. Now, the civil divisions, and whatever
5 was meant by them, apparently they could not collect taxes,
6 or there is no provision in the Section (b) regarding that
7 power?

8 MR. CLAGETT: There is no provision in Section
9 (b), but later in the provision where we deal with Section
10 11.02, powers of county governments, the provision there is
11 a very broad grant of power which would include the power
12 to tax, unless and until restricted by the General Assembly.

13 MRS. BOTHE: What about civil divisions which
14 are not counties, but authorities may be civil divisions,
15 but they are not the only kind of civil divisions that exist?
16 Now, we're taking care of the ones that are authorities.
17 What about the others?

18 MR. CLAGETT: So, if the General Assembly creates
19 a civil division, the General Assembly could give it the
20 power to tax or actually the power to tax could come, if
21 not restricted, and taken from the existing county or city,