

1 by the passage of time, this solution might not be proper
2 in one county and it would be just for one county to get
3 out of it. Does the Federal Contract Laws cover anything
4 of this nature? I'm thinking of the Potomac River Compact,
5 at the moment. Shouldn't the Legislature reserve the right
6 to amend it in some fashion in case it should become --

7 MR. CLAGETT: I think that is implicit in, ex-
8 cept as limited by general law.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't know that that quite goes
10 to his point, the answer, that is. If two counties make an
11 agreement to set up a metropolitan transit authority and
12 after ten years operation one county wants to withdraw, the
13 other county said, No dice. Can they do it?

14 MR. CLAGETT: I would say it depends upon the
15 basic contract and the answer would be if they have con-
16 tracted to a greater period of time, the answer would be
17 no. If the contract has no time limit, I would again say
18 that the answer would be no. They are bound by their con-
19 tract.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: The second part of Mr. Mitchell's
21 question, as I understood it, is whether this agreement or