

1 law take away or increase the power of political subdivisions,
2 it could take away or decrease the power of an authority
3 or a compact between political subdivisions.

4 MR. MILLER: But suppose a third party is in this,
5 some portion of Virginia or Pennsylvania. Would it be
6 Federally Constitutional for our Legislature to come along
7 and change a contract that was made outside the borders of
8 Maryland? That is my concern and I think Mrs. Bothe's
9 concern.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: I would not think so, unless you
11 could read into the contract the power of the Legislature
12 to abrogate it and that might be possible, just as you have
13 now in the Constitution the power to amend a corporate
14 charter. Mr. Sykes?

15 MR. MILLER: So, the State might be bound by a
16 contract it could not repudiate by the action of a foreign
17 agency.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sykes?

19 MR. SYKES: Despite the answer of the Committee,
20 I don't believe that the words, government of this State or
21 government of a county, city or other civil division includes