

1 to withdraw powers and to redefine the relations between  
2 the local units and the General Assembly. Now, in that  
3 process, the counties may have certain powers taken away  
4 from them which otherwise would fall within the broad grant  
5 of power as here set forth.

6 MR. MARTINEAU: But that is all covered by the  
7 phrase, denied to it by its charter, to counties generally,  
8 or counties of its class, I think.

9 MR. HAILE: May I assist in clarifying this? We  
10 have in Baltimore County a proposal to amend the charter to  
11 limit the legislative power of the County Council. That's  
12 the first part. The action --

13 MR. MARTINEAU: That's to counties generally.  
14 The county may exercise any legislative power which is not  
15 denied to counties generally. I don't see any significance  
16 to the phrase, within the limitations the General Assembly  
17 may establish. All you are saying is it can do anything  
18 which is not denied to it and which it is authorized to do.

19 I say it's good enough to say it can do anything  
20 that it is not prohibited from doing.

21 MR. HAILE: Instead of saying it has express powers