

1 talking about statutory restrictions rather than consti-
2 tutional restrictions.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: I understand, but that still
4 doesn't meet the point he is making. When you speak of
5 limitations the General Assembly may establish, you are
6 speaking of a concept where the General Assembly has
7 granted the powers, has outlined the limits of the powers
8 and that is contrary to the theory of the first part of
9 the sentence that the county has all powers except those
10 denied to it, either by its charter or by the Constitution
11 or by general law.

12 Would not you clear it if you simply said a
13 county may exercise any legislative power or perform any
14 function which is not denied to it by its charter or denied
15 to counties generally or counties of its class by general
16 law?

17 MR. CLAGETT: I believe you would.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Does that meet your point, Mr.
19 Martineau?

20 MR. MARTINEAU: Yes.

21 MR. CLAGETT: This is, I do point out, language