

1 example, that the City might enact its own statute of  
2 frauds, with regard to contracts entered into in the City  
3 because of certain abuses in the City, and so a contract  
4 that didn't have to be in writing anyplace else in the  
5 State would have to be in writing in Baltimore City?  
6 Would that be prohibited or not?

7 MR. CLAGETT: That would be prohibited. At  
8 least, that is what we are intending to prohibit.

9 MR. SYKES: Even though the City purports to  
10 act under the police power, and that is an independent  
11 power?

12 MR. CLAGETT: That is correct. That would still  
13 be trespassing in this domain and be restricted.

14 MRS. BOTHE: I know this language is lifted  
15 from the model constitution. I can't think of any other  
16 reason why the Committee would use it, because it doesn't  
17 make sense to me in any respect. I don't know what an in-  
18 dependent county power is, I've never heard the phrase,  
19 and the way I read it, such as I can, a county would be  
20 able to invoke penalties for misdemeanors and, as all of  
21 us lawyers know, the distinction between a felony and