

1 in the field of a felony.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Miller?

3 MR. MILLER: I must say, Mr. Chairman, I have
4 some apprehension, regardless of how many previous docu-
5 ments have approved this language. It seems to me we're
6 getting in a lot of possible danger if we're going to give
7 these counties police authority that is independent of the
8 State law. We used to have a lot of trouble in the old
9 days where some little township would have a law that if
10 you went over ten miles an hour -- we corrected that to
11 a large extent -- but this would seem to re-establish the
12 fact that for misdemeanors, at least, a criminal code could
13 be written for a local self-government and it seems to me
14 rather dangerous and what Mrs. Bothe said, certainly, in
15 Maryland, we don't want to use the word felony if we could
16 possibly avoid it because it just adds to the confusion on
17 all counts, and I don't -- the counties would have a right
18 to pass a criminal code after we've gone all this distance?

19 MR. CLAGETT: No, it does not, except where it
20 dealt with misdemeanors and breaches of ordinances and that
21 kind of thing, but not a criminal code, no.