

1 power approach, and it was only after the most laborious  
2 consideration that we finally moved forward and made up  
3 our minds and made the decision to recommend the broad  
4 grant of power.

5 Stan Hoff a moment ago said that he couldn't  
6 reconcile in his mind whether it was easier to try to  
7 grant powers initially or to withdraw them later. Well,  
8 we suggest that where we are basically trying to revitalize  
9 the local government, the broad grant of power does that,  
10 because it tells the local government that it has the power  
11 to go ahead and act rather than when it wants to act in an  
12 area it debates by the hour in council or in commission  
13 meetings or wherever they are confronted with the problem  
14 and finally decide that they don't know, then have to go  
15 to the Legislature to get the power.

16 By the time the power eventually has been  
17 granted, if it ever is successfully obtained, a great in-  
18 terval of period has elapsed and possibly by that time a  
19 change of circumstance and condition which render it a  
20 useless power. Here we are trying to vitalize the local  
21 government and yet not to unduly interfere with the power