

1 constitution. I think it is a necessary and important
2 complementary provision to the very concept of home rule
3 itself, the objective of the home rule provision being to
4 relieve the Legislature of a great deal of the local con-
5 cerned legislation with which they will have to deal.

6 I think, as Mr. Clagett pointed out, it's very
7 important to put the initiative or local governmental ac-
8 tion in the hands of the local government where it has not
9 been heretofore and to clarify what their powers are. So
10 far, the experiences of states that have home rule provi-
11 sions have not been the counties have gone off in direc-
12 tions that the Legislature could not control whenever they
13 saw a need to control with general legislation denying
14 county action in a particular area. The alternative to a
15 provision of this kind is really to provide and set forth
16 in the Constitution many of those powers which the counties
17 would have.

18 It would seem far better to leave the Legislature
19 to do this through denial than to set forth in the Consti-
20 tution what all these powers are, because this is an equally
21 difficult task, as to ^{actually} set forth these in the Constitution.