

1 its position in respect to --

2 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think you need a motion.  
3 If there is not a motion to disapprove, we move forward.

4 DR. BARD: All right.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Now, I think that would conclude  
6 the consideration of Paragraph (a). Let me break in a  
7 moment.

8 (Discussion held off the record.)

9 THE CHAIRMAN: All right, Mr. Clagett.

10 MR. CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, Subsection (b).  
11 The General Assembly shall legislate for counties only by  
12 general laws which shall in their terms and in their effect  
13 apply alike to all counties. No county shall exempt itself  
14 from any general law; provided, however, that the General  
15 Assembly may provide by general law for the establishment  
16 of classes of counties by grouping them into not more than  
17 five classes with not less than three counties in any one  
18 class. The General Assembly may then pass laws applicable  
19 to all counties within a class. The establishment of  
20 classes shall be based either upon population as determined  
21 in the most recent United States Government census or upon