

1 DR. TEMPLETON: The first one about the exemp-
2 tions.

3 MR. CLAGETT: I think you can best understand
4 the problem here the Committee had to deal with which would
5 be in these terms. Without putting any limitation upon
6 classification or the classification of authority in
7 the General Assembly, there could logically be 24 classifi-
8 cations and we would be right back in the General Assembly
9 legislating by local law.

10 So, it is felt that if you are going to provide
11 for classifications, there should be a limitation upon that
12 classification and without being judgmental insofar as
13 five and three are concerned, the Committee recommends that
14 combination, that is, no more than five classifications,
15 but no less than three counties in any one class, because
16 it is sufficiently restrictive upon the General Assembly
17 to require careful consideration.

18 Now, what is meant here is this, that if the
19 General Assembly exercises its authority here or its
20 power here, it can create only one class or it can create
21 three classes, with no less than three counties in any one