

1 classification by classifying four classes of three  
2 counties each and leaving the rest of the counties un-  
3 classified?

4 MR. CLAGETT: No. They would then fall into a  
5 class.

6 MR. SYKES: The next question I have, is there  
7 any instance in any other constitution that the Committee  
8 has studied in which classification has been based on any  
9 criterion other than population and, if so, what kind of  
10 criteria did the Committee have in mind.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clagett?

12 MR. CLAGETT: We felt that this was peculiarly  
13 applicable to the State of Maryland where you do have a  
14 divergence of basic interests, whether they be agricultural  
15 or whether they be coal mining or whether they be fishing.  
16 Economically and socially, there is a great divergence in-  
17 sofar as this State is concerned and it could well be that  
18 an appropriate basis of classification would be geographical  
19 or would be economic and we want to leave the Legislature  
20 with<sup>a</sup>/degree of flexibility here to act accordingly, if that  
21 should be warranted.