

1 and the phrase used by the Committee residual power.
2 In other words, that the counties will have, broadly
3 speaking, all executive and legislative but not judicial
4 power, except to the extent that it is taken away from
5 them by expressed law of the General Assembly. The
6 same meeting decided tentatively on authorizing what we
7 call, for lack of a better term, regional government,
8 some government larger than a county and smaller than
9 the State. But that was not discussed very fully, and
10 the exact extent to which the Committee and the Commis-
11 sion want to go on that is a matter yet to be determined.
12 It cannot be further deferred. The Committee has a
13 draft and several alternate drafts, as a matter of fact,
14 but the decision of this question must be made at this
15 meeting because if it is deferred any longer, the neces-
16 sary drafting just can't be done.

17 I anticipate that those special orders of busi-
18 ness will take the rest of the afternoon and the evening
19 session. I would hope that we would conclude those by
20 the evening session. This leaves us still for considera-
21 tion a very substantial amount of material. There is