

1 MR. HAILE: Well now, suppose the County would
2 impose one tax rate on the upper end of the County where
3 the farmers live and another rate in the metropolitan
4 area. Would that be legal under our new Constitution, two
5 different rates?

6 MR. CASE: Let me say this: This is done, and
7 it has been done in our County, so that, which gives you
8 another reason. In other words, quite obviously getting
9 back to this point of like people being treated similar-
10 ly in similar situations, the tax rate has got to be
11 the same. Due process would require this unless there
12 are sound legislative reasons for making it different.
13 Now, in Baltimore County for a number of years, people
14 in the metropolitan districts paid a larger rate of tax
15 than those in the rural parts of the County because the law
16 permitted the County Commissioners to impose a tax with-
17 in the district to help service the water and sewer
18 lines. This is perfectly all right, because people in
19 the metropolitan district get a great deal more for their
20 money than people living out in the rural areas. So,
21 here was a perfect example of where you did have, indeed,