

1 understanding?

2 MR. DELLA: That is the way I understand it.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: That is not my understanding
4 of what the Committee intended.

5 MR. DELLA: No new County shall be created --

6 THE CHAIRMAN: The Legislature acts first.

7 MR. CLAGETT: The Counties are the creatures
8 of the Legislature. It would require an act of the Legis-
9 lature.

10 MR. DELLA: Creating one County instead of
11 two Counties, then the voters would vote on it, is that
12 right?

13 MR. CLAGETT: That is right, the voters of the
14 two Counties.

15 MR. DELLA: The second question would be,
16 supposing, for instance, there would be a group in Howard
17 County who would also along with Montgomery pass the same
18 similar bill, that they would be joined as one County,
19 and yet it would be less than a majority vote in Howard
20 County that would want to be absorbed by Montgomery
21 County. Would that take the whole complex of the vote