

1 voters who reside within the area proposed to be trans-
2 ferred, regardless of whether this results in simply
3 adding to one County or creating a new County. I think
4 this becomes almost a distinction with a difference.

5 MR. CLAGETT: Not quite, because we really
6 anticipate two entirely different things here. If the
7 Legislature wants to create a new County by consolidating
8 two existing Counties into one, then the thought was that
9 there should be a degree of flexibility that would
10 permit that to be accomplished and using the example
11 that Mr. Della gave us of Baltimore City taking over and
12 Anne Arundel County, and then becoming one County, the
13 Committee's thinking is that we favor the consolidation
14 of Counties. We would like to avoid as much restriction
15 upon that process as possible.

16 Therefore, the majority resting in Baltimore
17 City and the majority wanting to acquire Anne Arundel, it
18 could be accomplished notwithstanding the objections of
19 Anne Arundel County. If it was going to take less than
20 all of Anne Arundel County, only a part of it, then we
21 felt that would be tampering with boundary lines, and we