

1 I think, we will never have any new Counties, and I think  
2 the Commission is going to have to decide which prin-  
3 ciple is more important rather than fool around with how  
4 we can have a referendum that is fair, because I know  
5 the Committee has spent hours on this, and apparently  
6 hasn't come up with one, and I don't really see where a  
7 proper referendum, built-in referendum, could be for-  
8 mulated.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Haile?

10 MR. HAILE: I would like to point out that  
11 Counties are older than the States or the cities, and  
12 these waters run deep; and just eighteen years ago there  
13 was an amendment to the Constitution preventing large  
14 areas from gobbling up small Counties which passed the  
15 referendum. I think that we should continue that and  
16 resort to regional governments as we are proposing in  
17 later legislation, and let the old Counties with their  
18 school systems and judicial circuits stay as they are.  
19 That I would like to point out to the Commission.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gentry?

21 MR. GENTRY: Could a State wide realignment