

1 MR. CLAGETT: One of our earlier drafts
2 provided that the General Assembly shall provide by law
3 for Counties, cities, or other civil divisions thus
4 mandating Counties and cities and giving a degree of
5 flexibility for the future in the phrase, civil divisions.
6 It does; by civil division is meant any form of government
7 or governmental structure that the General Assembly might
8 come up with to take care of the needs of the future.
9 We only included at that point towns and villages, and
10 then it was broadened by discussion later to include
11 regional governments, and then there was some question
12 about whether or not, I think it was Mel Sykes who
13 brought up the question of whether an intergovernmental
14 authority was an agency or a civil division. We want it
15 clearly understood that we understood it to be a civil
16 division, and that in that phrase, the Legislature has
17 great range of definition and freedom to take care of
18 problems that may arise in the future.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: That is not the answer to
20 Mr. Mindel's question. Specifically, there is not in
21 this Article a definition of the term, civil divisions.