

1 early that it was going to accomplish the removal of
2 the General Assembly from the field of local legislation.
3 Now, in accomplishing that, you have still got to keep
4 an eye upon the degree of flexibility on the part of the
5 General Assembly to take care of areas of conflict. In
6 order to be sure that it didn't classify into 24 dif-
7 ferent classes, we put a restriction upon the number of
8 classes, and we debated what that should be, and finally
9 determined that it should be not more than five classes,
10 and then in order that there be imposed upon the General
11 Assembly a degree of serious considerations, we provided
12 that there should be not less than three Counties in any
13 one class.

14 MR. SCANLAN: Hal, may I ask a question? I
15 can see why you did that, but you say not less than three
16 Counties in any one class. There could come a time
17 when you have five or six Counties of roughly the same,
18 say smaller population. Why would you have to divide that
19 into two classes? I suppose your answer is that --

20 MR. CLAGETT: There shall be not less than
21 three Counties in any one class, but there shall be not