

1 cation which embraced Baltimore County which was second  
2 in population.

3 MR. CLAGETT: That is quite true, and we  
4 debated whether or not the classification should be upon  
5 population only or upon some other criteria as determined  
6 by the General Assembly to be appropriate. If we had  
7 that second phrase in, there would be a degree, a greater  
8 degree of flexibility than merely limiting it to popu-  
9 lation. But, nevertheless, you've got to keep in mind  
10 here that we are basically attempting to accomplish the  
11 elimination of the General Assembly from the field of  
12 local legislation, and we don't want the General Assem-  
13 bly stepping in and legislating only for Baltimore City.  
14 We want Baltimore City, having been given the broad  
15 grant of legislative and executive power here, to be  
16 protected in that grant and not have it arbitrarily  
17 withdrawn.

18 DR. BARD: I want to do the same thing you  
19 want to except under (a) this says to all Counties of  
20 its class, wherever if the General Assembly had passed  
21 some enactments that applied to the Counties in