

1 for Baltimore City only, and the Committee has crossed
2 this Rubicon by saying to do that means to give the
3 Legislature the power to pass local legislation, and they
4 have said they are going to dissolve that dilemma by
5 not doing it.

6 DR. BARD: My point really goes back to this
7 concept of not less than three Counties in any one class.
8 Many States in setting up the classifications recognize
9 the fact that there may well be one County which is so
10 far different from the next County, let us say in line,
11 that it is deserving of occupying a classification of
12 its own.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: The minute you do that, you
14 have thrown overboard this entire concept of the Committee,
15 because this is the basis on which the whole scheme of
16 public local legislation is really based. The fact that
17 you can have a general law and accept 22 Counties --

18 DR. BARD: I don't want 22, but I like the idea
19 of classification as a basis and not the idea of complete,
20 let us say independence.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: I am violating the rule we