

1 County already has the legislative powers not exercised
2 by the Legislature. My question is, what happens if
3 a County doesn't do anything under 11.02?

4 MR. CLAGETT: Then it carries out the broad
5 Home Rule powers by its existing form of government.
6 We have debated this carefully, and we are convinced that
7 a charter is the best structure by which the Home Rule
8 powers can be exercised. But we have also seen the
9 experience in the Counties and particularly, for example,
10 in Prince Georges County where by grant of the General
11 Assembly broad powers have been given and effectively
12 utilized with the existing form of structure. So we do
13 not mandate. We meet it as a matter of choice in any
14 one of the three ways. A model presented by the General
15 Assembly, a charter board procedure, or a resolution of
16 the existing governing body. We do not mandate the
17 charter.

18 MR. SYKES: My point is --

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sykes, I think the direct
20 answer to our question is determined by the Committee
21 to be in the first part of the sentence of (a), A County
~~shall provide for the structure of the government by~~