

1 Commission, if I understand this proposal correctly, and  
2 I suppose perhaps it is not the time to demonstrate a  
3 viewpoint, but this worries me very, very much, because  
4 as I understand it, it departs from our existing method  
5 of charter form of government as we know it in Maryland  
6 as applied to municipalities which is seemingly what this  
7 is more closely patterned after than anything else.

8 Now, in municipalities, there is a model  
9 charter and also there is a provision that if an incor-  
10 porated town doesn't like the model charter, then it  
11 can adopt its own charter, but it has to do one of the  
12 two. Either it has to adopt its own charter and there-  
13 fore, and this is voted on by the people, and they know  
14 what it is; or they adopt the one in the Code, and everybody  
15 can read it. But this proposal I suggest adopts a third  
16 method, and that is as Mr. Sykes has pointed out, you do  
17 nothing, in which event the County Commissioners exercise  
18 these tremendously broad powers without any contract  
19 between them and the people, and to me, this is not, this  
20 is not proper, and I think that, for example, in the area  
21 which I have some slight knowledgeability, I suppose you