

1 the approval and consent of the County. On dissolution
2 the County must absorb all the assets and obligations of
3 a municipality. In the field of abnegation, the General
4 Assembly has moved it into the local arena. So we have
5 observed here that the General Assembly has been divest-
6 ing itself of much of its power and transferring that
7 power to the County. That being the process, then it is
8 illogical conclusion to give to the County the deter-
9 mination of whether or not there shall be any new
10 municipalities or what effect the function of the County
11 and the municipality shall be.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Judge Adkins?

13 JUDGE ADKINS: Is the last sentence inconsis-
14 tent with the prohibition against local legislation,
15 and if so, which controls?

16 MR. CLAGETT: Remember, this must be initiated
17 by the County, and the County, if it fails to get the
18 consent of the municipal corporation, may then appeal to
19 the General Assembly; and on the appeal of the County,
20 the General Assembly can then act.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clagett, let me interrupt