

1 field of rendering municipal services and functions.  
2 You see the lines between municipal corporations and  
3 these unincorporated towns blurring the differences be-  
4 tween the two, and where the Counties have a respon-  
5 sibility of these large unincorporated grounds, and you  
6 see the Counties solving those problems, there should be  
7 no greater restriction insofar as the existing municipal-  
8 corporations are concerned. The municipalities as such  
9 will be nonconforming uses, and that is what is contem-  
10 plated insofar as the Committee approach is concerned.

11 MR. HOFF: May I ask one further question?  
12 I presume the Committee also realizes that by prohibiting  
13 annexation you are, in effect, forcing some of these  
14 municipalities to go out of business. I gather that is  
15 what you have in mind.

16 MR. CLAGETT: That is intended, but let me  
17 point up the fact of the matter, and that is that  
18 you've got, you had 152 municipalities back in 1960.  
19 You have 149 now, because three have gone out of existence.  
20 Now, of that 149 remaining, 115 have a population of less  
21 than 2500 persons. So the number that you are speaking