

1 mental mechanism for dealing with area-wide problems on
2 a coordinated responsible base. Whenever the word,
3 responsible, is used, this means somehow directly respon-
4 sible to the people that they are acting for.

5 Number two, disparities between tax and service
6 boundaries which means that the larger the number of
7 independent governmental jurisdictions within a metro-
8 politan area, the more inequitable and difficult becomes
9 the process of financing those governmental services
10 which by their nature, are area-wide in character.

11 Three, State constitutional and statutory
12 restrictions, namely, barriers to modernizing the
13 structure and functions of local governments in metro-
14 politan areas especially with regard to the organization
15 and functions of County government, including the role
16 to tax and borrow money.

17 Lastly, number four, metropolitan area prob-
18 lems very often cross State lines. One-fifth of our
19 nation's people are contained in 26 metropolitan areas
20 that include territory in two or more States. Nowhere
21 has there been an adequate solution to coordinating and