

1 the area. They are purely artificial lines. They have
2 a lot of tradition and a lot of pride and feeling back
3 of them but they have no relation at all to things such
4 as sewers and drainage districts and transit and
5 population problems and so forth. Now, these problems
6 must be solved and they will be solved. They have to
7 be solved by governmental units of some kind.

8 There are several approaches which have
9 been outlined in the statements that you had last evening
10 and are indicated in the Committee's report and in
11 the draft, the various drafts that you have had presented
12 to you. They are quite different in verbiage and
13 language but basically the approaches diverge in only
14 these two or three, possibly three areas. These are
15 first: All, and when I say all, I am talking about the
16 Committee and the staff and the whole group who are
17 working, all are agreed on a few fundamentals. What
18 are they? They are that the Legislature must have the
19 power to alter county lines, including the power to
20 abolish counties. Secondly, the Legislature must have
21 the power to create governmental units, units of local