

1 county lines, there is the feeling and a very strong
2 feeling that while theoretically it is desirable to give
3 the complete power to the Legislature, nevertheless, as
4 a practical matter, looking the political situation, in
5 the broad sense that I use that term, squarely in the
6 eye, this simply is not feasible and not desirable,
7 that county structures are such that the people should
8 have a voice and that you should not have in the
9 Legislature the power to alter counties and switch
10 people from one county to another without some form of
11 referendum and there are, as you found out yesterday,
12 differences in views as to how far the referendum, should go.
13 extend the referendum completely, you give a veto, to
14 any area of the state to prevent a reshuffling of
15 county lines by the Legislature. In lesser extent, you
16 perhaps don't give a veto but you put a brake on it.
17 So that one major difference is should you have
18 absolute authority in the Legislature which in theory
19 is perhaps the ideal way or should you go to the other
20 extreme and say that it cannot be done except by the
21 approval of the majority of the voters in all the areas