

1 Of course, that does not exclude and I want
2 it clearly kept in mind, that does not exclude the
3 permissive referendum which would be provided for in
4 the Constitution with respect to any bill.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sykes.

6 MR. SYKES: Mr. Chairman, I have a question
7 first. I understood the Chair to say that all the
8 people who had been working on this were in agreement
9 that if there was to be any kind of governmental
10 authority transcending county lines, it should be the
11 same authority for all functions that transcended county
12 lines that might be granted to such a form of government.

13 It would seem to me that if that is true,
14 it is inconsistent to provide for any form of super
15 county government except the regional government and
16 that if you provide for intergovernmental authorities
17 in addition to regional governments, you are doing what
18 the Chair says nobody wants to do.

19 Now is this language of the Committee a
20 considered approach and was the Chair in error in its
21 statement about the agreement on regional government?