

1 homework from papers that within our own staff with  
2 respect to a study of Prince Georges County.

3 I must say but I can't vouch for the accuracy  
4 of the information given to me, I am simply shocked at  
5 a statement regarding Prince Georges County that there  
6 are 115 special purpose authorities of one kind or  
7 another in that county. Now let me tell you why I would  
8 be shocked at that. So far as I know, they are essentially  
9 unrepresentative bodies. As a consequence in this  
10 state it seems to me in the larger counties and as the  
11 future goes to smaller counties, we have begun to  
12 drain away from the representative power of local  
13 government and responsiveness to the people great numbers  
14 of particular purpose activities which I very much fear  
15 will simply destroy representative form of government.

16 Now I have said that in the Committee that  
17 we should leave this matter of flexibility to the  
18 Legislature. One suggestion I should like to make,  
19 I should say to the Chairman of the Committee speaking  
20 quite specifically in 11.10 (b) that I should certainly  
21 like to see the language somewhat amplified as to the