

1 set out in this second paragraph of subsection (b).
2 I point out to you that where a new county is being
3 created and a large county is absorbing a small county
4 in its entirety it is a vote of all of the people in
5 the entire consolidated area which does give a degree
6 of flexibility. When tampering with less than a,
7 the creation of a new county, the protection provided
8 for here is for the referendum of that area which is
9 being moved into a new area. Where you go into more
10 than three counties the referendum required is a state-
11 wide referendum similar in effect to the permissive
12 referendum but it would be mandatory in that situation.

13 However, where the Legislature undertakes
14 a clean sweep and does an entire job, then there is
15 no restriction whatsoever insofar as mandatory
16 referendum but only for permissive referendum. In
17 fairness to the hours of discussion and the many points
18 of view of different members of the Committee, I feel
19 I must hold to the recommendation here being an effective
20 compromise between the two extremes.

21 MR. SYKES: I would like to close briefly,