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of Columbia and Baltimore City and extending the entire length between those two metropolitan areas. But what would that have to do with, say, the Potomac River pollution authority which would extend up to Garrett County and include the entire area of Western Maryland but would have nothing at all to do with the City of Baltimore and any area, let's say, between Baluimore and Washington. The water authority, sewer authority -- water authority may be necessary sometime in the future but I can certainly see that the water situation in Baltimore City with its drainage into the Susquehanna River and its various ponds and lakes and dams is an entirely different thing from the City of Washington where they get their water from the Potomac River. I think the idea is fine but in practice I am just afraid it is going to either prevent the effective use of regional authorities or create such a monstrous regional authority that it will by then encompass the whole state.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Bard.

DR. BARD: I would like some clarification