

1 districts and authorities and special taxing agencies  
2 and revenue collecting agencies over in Prince Georges.  
3 We have counted.

4 DR. BURDETTE: It is 115.

5 MR. BROOKS: We knew of some 53 from my own  
6 survey that existed in this area already. Now these  
7 groups are special interest groups in that they are  
8 set up to resist anything that would destroy their own  
9 authority. This works against the creation of any kind  
10 of regional government. So if regional government is a  
11 solution for the multiplicity of these authorities, it  
12 requires additional push as the Chairman said. It  
13 requires really some structure to promote it. So the  
14 idea of the staff memo was to give an outline that would  
15 challenge the efforts, that would channel, excuse me,  
16 the efforts that are now being directed through authorities  
17 in a unified coordinated fashion under a single authority  
18 that would be representative in nature.

19 On the other hand, the design of this  
20 proposal is not to establish regional governments in the  
21 Constitution, as the Chairman mentioned, but rather to