

1 the county, as Hal put it, die on the vine and the  
2 authority such as we have today. Because the difficulty  
3 is that the authority doesn't have the power to act.  
4 It is an advisory thing. And maybe the authority could  
5 be given enough teeth by the Legislature to be really a,  
6 have enough power and if so, then it goes over the  
7 shadows into this area of the government. It is not  
8 in my mind a clear-cut distinction.

9 JUDGE ADKINS: You don't draw any distinction  
10 between the power to tax and the power to implement  
11 decision?

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, I do draw a distinction.  
13 Put the word effective in quotes. You could not certainly  
14 have a fully effective regional government without the  
15 power to tax.

16 JUDGE ADKINS: Do we want a fully effective  
17 one?

18 THE CHAIRMAN: I personally do.

19 JUDGE ADKINS: Then you have to have elected  
20 representatives, don't you?

21 THE CHAIRMAN: I think that is true. My