

1 The issue is whether the representative government has
2 to be mandated in the Constitution, not whether it
3 should be or shouldn't be and to have an effective
4 regional government, of course, you will have to have
5 representative government because you have to have the
6 power to tax. We have already determined that only
7 elected representatives can levy it but why can't we
8 leave that to the practicalities that face the Legislature
9 when it sets up regional government rather than demand
10 it in the Constitution which might cause all kinds of
11 unintended results.

12 MR. BROOKS: First to answer Judge Adkins
13 question, the problem of the primary distinction between
14 regional governments and authorities is the taxing power
15 power. Although both of them overlap in the area of
16 revenue collecting authority, I think the real question
17 is what foot are these to get off on in that and though
18 a government, meaning it will have executive and
19 legislative powers, can be very small. It can be composed
20 of four, six, or eight or one hundred representatives.
21 The fact is if we want it to have only two powers, say