

1 framework of regional government which could be
2 called into being later.

3 MR. SYKES: May I ask a question on that.
4 I would like to ask the Committee if a framework is
5 put into the Constitution or into the schedule and it
6 is made perfectly clear that the Legislature has the
7 final say in that it either may or may not activate
8 the government provided for in the framework and it may
9 change the framework to any extent it wants, what is
10 the objection, if any, to not providing it in the
11 Constitution?

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clagett.

13 MR. CLAGETT: You are then attempting to
14 define and place the Legislature in a position whereby
15 the Constitutional structure, which you have called a
16 skeleton, it would be restricted and confined to.
17 I don't think you can draft something that is so loose
18 that you can say here it is, but you can change it at
19 will. I think if you provide the skeleton, you are
20 attempting to define and restrict the General Assembly.

21 MR. SCANLAN: I want to address a question