

1 restrict any individual member of the Committee in
2 expressing his or her position contrary to that of the
3 majority, but it is the thinking of the Committee that
4 where you take the four corners of our proposal and you
5 carefully appreciate it, what we have done here is we
6 have attempted to vitalize the county government, the
7 local government and the basic unit of the local
8 government is the county and yet, at the moment, we
9 have tried to give to the General Assembly a degree of
10 flexibility so that it can take care of matters which
11 are truly general public policy throughout the state.

12 Now, if you are going to activate the
13 counties and you are going to give them the broad grant
14 of power which we have given here and if you are going
15 to give the General Assembly the power of classification
16 which gives it a degree of flexibility to deal with
17 regional matters, or matters which transcend county
18 lines, thus giving them a degree of flexibility from
19 merely passing general laws which must affect all counties
20 in terms and affect and say that they can pass general
21 laws which shall apply to all of the counties within a