

1 yes, that is forbidden. The drafts here provide in
2 effect that there must be regions. Now the Legislature
3 can define them or change them but there must be regions.
4 Now the third question you asked was there anything in
5 the drafts that took away the power of the Legislature
6 to give the powers to the local regions or to limit the
7 powers to the local regions and I said the answer to
8 that was yes, there is nothing in here to limit. Perhaps
9 that shouldn't be an unqualified yes. The power of the
10 local Legislature to limit would be the same as -- I
11 mean the power of the Legislature to limit the regional
12 government's exercise of power would be the same as its
13 power to limit the county.

14 In other words, it could do so only by
15 general law applicable to generally, to the regions.
16 It could not take away the power of the individual
17 counties or the people or however you work it to create
18 a charter defining the powers of the region. In other
19 words, the concept here is that the powers flow from
20 the counties to the regions. The Legislature has just
21 the same measure of control over that as it has over