

1 five regions or fewer makes no sense at all to me. It  
2 doesn't guarantee if the regions are going to be  
3 reasonable regions. You could have four regions divided  
4 in a small area and the rest of the state would then  
5 have to be --

6 THE CHAIRMAN: May I interrupt. Again  
7 because I thought from the earlier discussion that this  
8 is going to be really a separate discussion. I had  
9 noted it as a separate question how many regions because  
10 it seems to me that you may favor the idea of having  
11 a skeleton but there may be differences as to whether  
12 it should be five.

13 MR. MARTINEAU: Without specifying any  
14 number; that it doesn't do any good to specify any  
15 number whether it is three, four, five, or ten. You  
16 don't gain anything by this because your regions can  
17 wind up being completely unreasonable. It doesn't  
18 prevent the proliferation of a small number of regions  
19 in one metropolitan area and let the rest of the state  
20 have only one or two regions. For that reason I think  
21 the Committee draft is exactly the way we should adopt