

1 skeleton such as I would envision it were put into the  
2 Constitution and that the net effect of putting it in  
3 would be psychological and suggestive.

4 That is these regional governments would  
5 be dormant purely until the Legislature chose to  
6 activate them. I think that the localities should have  
7 a right to initiate their activation but only subject  
8 to the veto of the Legislature, the same way localities  
9 can contract for intergovernmental authorities. I  
10 think that if the Legislature is given the power over  
11 the activation, then the Legislature retains all the  
12 power and what we are talking about is essentially a  
13 psychological question and the answer depends upon how  
14 strongly you value a push toward regional government,  
15 and I personally value it very highly.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Let me make just two comments.  
17 First, so that there will be no misunderstanding, I  
18 think we ought to consider separately and as a separate  
19 question the question of how many regions or if there  
20 ought to be any limit on the number of regions because  
21 even if one favors regions, I can see that there might