

1 be some difference of opinion as to how many or whether
2 there should be any. So I would suggest that you express
3 your opinion on this question without regard to
4 any limitation at all or any specific limitation on
5 the number of regions.

6 Secondly, let me make this one other
7 observation. I think the term skeleton government is
8 an unfortunate one to use to describe the suggestion
9 here in the staff memo or opinion because it really
10 isn't that. It doesn't provide a skeleton form of
11 government. What it does do and what each of them do
12 and what is the only gap in my way of thinking in the
13 Committee's memo is that it provides a machinery by
14 which the local governments involved or the people of
15 the area can call into being a regional government if
16 the Legislature has not acted to do so. To put it
17 another way, it provides a machinery by which the local
18 governments involved or the people involved can call
19 into being against the will of the Legislature a regional
20 government.

21 I think, therefore, that that really is the