

1 Are we talking about doing it by petition of the voters
2 and the right of the counties to agree among themselves
3 to the creation of a regional government. Is that
4 embraced within this single policy question?

5 THE CHAIRMAN: I think so.

6 MR. MARTINEAU: I would like to separate
7 it.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Separate it if you want.

9 MRS. BOTHE: The issue is really after a
10 plan of regional government has been promulgated by
11 the Legislature a county can operate or is this
12 the plan itself might be initiated?

13 THE CHAIRMAN: I think what John Brooks
14 understood your previous vote to be and what I did not
15 understand it to be and the difficulty I had was because
16 I couldn't separate these two things.

17 I have great difficulty in envisioning an
18 action by the Legislature that does nothing more than
19 create regions without creating governments for the
20 regions. That is why I had initially indicated that I
21 thought this question was wrapped up in the earlier one.