

1 really, we are getting back into the very area where  
2 we have already made a determination and we are getting,  
3 the Commission is getting itself back into an area very  
4 similar to the problem that the Committee had to deal  
5 with.

6 We voted, as I understood it, a little while  
7 ago, that the responsibility for determining whether or  
8 not a regional government should be created rested  
9 squarely with the General Assembly. Now we are moving  
10 away from that determination, namely that it is permissive  
11 with the General Assembly and we are creating other  
12 means by which it can be accomplished, namely by the  
13 people on the petition or by the action of the governing  
14 bodies of one or more counties.

15 It seems to me that what we are really  
16 doing is repeating ourselves rather than clarifying the  
17 situation.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clagett, that is saying  
19 exactly what I said earlier. I thought the two questions  
20 were one but the Commission decided otherwise and I  
21 think we will make better time now if we try to resolve