

1 THE CHAIRMAN: As we resume the discussion
2 of the report of the Committee on Political Subdivisions,
3 may I as much for my own edification as for
4 clarification of the record submit again to a vote
5 without debate, merely so that I can see just what the
6 sense was before, the question of whether the Legislature
7 shall have the exclusive right. That is not what
8 I want to say either.

9 I was confused, as I indicated before lunch
10 if the last vote turned out the way it did, because it
11 would seem to me to be in conflict with the earlier
12 vote, as I understood it, on the permissive effect.

13 I take it that the combination of the two
14 votes means that the majority of the Commission feels
15 that the Constitution should contain a provision authoriz-
16 ing the Legislature to create regions and regional
17 governments but not requiring it to do so and the
18 second vote means that if the Legislature creates regions
19 and regional governments, then the form of government
20 for a region may be as directed or approved by the
21 participating governments or by the people of the area