

1 The home rules amendment would apply to
2 counties only, the Legislature could effectively govern
3 by its power over regions. It could do the same kind of
4 thing with intergovernmental authorities. It could set
5 the salaries of officers and say how many clerks could
6 be employed and, as I read this draft now, I hope to
7 be corrected if I am wrong, there is no restriction
8 whatever upon the Legislature so long as it governs
9 locally through authorities and regions rather than
10 through counties.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Freedlander.

12 MRS. FREEDLANDER: That is precisely why
13 we wanted to have the powers these regions would have
14 would be only the powers which the counties gave them
15 in a joint, tri-joint resolution or action.

16 MR. SYKES: I don't know what the recommenda-
17 tion is but I would like to know if I am correct in my
18 reading of the draft.

19 MR. CLAGETT: I think the answer is that
20 if it attempted to do so, it could create these inter-
21 governmental authorities. It could create the regions