

1 way to handle it is to say the Legislature may enact
2 only general public laws. I would like that label to
3 stick in the Constitution and then define public general
4 laws as laws applicable to and applying without exception
5 to all counties or all counties in a class or laws
6 which and then specify what kind of power you want to
7 give the General Assembly over these civil divisions.

8 MR. BROOKS: For the one reason for the
9 parenthetical comment in your draft after the first
10 printing of it in the text was to take care of the
11 problem of the regional governments if that alternative
12 were needed. That is why it was parenthetical because
13 if that classification is not to be utilized in any
14 way in dealing with regional governments or authorities,
15 then it is not desirable to have that parenthetical
16 material at all.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: What parenthetical material
18 are you referring to?

19 MR. BROOKS: You removed a couple of
20 parenthesis and some of the wording around population
21 or other criteria just a few minutes ago.