

1 is highlighted for us by the fact that the problems  
2 which exist in Maryland with respect to the Washington  
3 area, for instance, are so vastly different from  
4 those which exist for us with respect to the Baltimore  
5 area. The Washington area, for instance, is complicated  
6 by the necessity of considering interstate problems,  
7 relationship with the District and with Virginia, which  
8 doesn't exist at all in connection with the Baltimore  
9 area.

10 I mention those things particularly because  
11 I think the Seventh Report of the Committee on Political  
12 Subdivisions, which we will consider later this morning,  
13 has almost, if not entirely, settled for our purposes  
14 many of the issues. Nevertheless there are a few  
15 important policy matters which must be decided by us  
16 today. I just don't think you get a great deal of  
17 comfort from looking at what some other state or  
18 metropolitan area has done to solve the problem. So  
19 much for the meeting of the National Municipal League.

20 It gives me great pleasure to announce  
21 formally what I am sure every member of the Commission