

1 The Committee was unwilling to go that far.

2 The Committee, on the other hand, was also
3 unwilling, as Mr. Clagett indicated he personally is
4 unwilling, to take the position that all the problems
5 can be solved by authorities and that there is no
6 necessity for the regional government. So that the
7 Committee's view has been that the regional governments,
8 that is, a government larger than the present county
9 governments, but a full government, ought to be permitted.

10 The question that has been the subject of so
11 much discussion is who should have the initiative in
12 creating such a region and such a regional government.
13 As I understood the position of the Committee heretofore,
14 it was that the Legislature, and only the Legislature, should
15 have the power to create a region for which a government
16 could then be established either by the Legislature, by
17 the concurrent action of the county governments involved,
18 or by the people within the region. But that neither of
19 those three instrumentalities could create a regional
20 government until the Legislature had first created a
21 region by defining the boundaries of an area.