

1 THE CHAIRMAN: It's seconded. Go ahead.

2 JUDGE ADKINS: It seems to me we're creating a
3 solution here which doesn't really solve the problem its
4 attempting to solve. As I understand it, the most per-
5 suasive argument for the creation of a regional government
6 is to prevent proliferation of authorities and intergovern-
7 mental compacts of one kind or another. If, however, we
8 create a regional government having less than all the
9 governmental powers within the area, we're doing nothing
10 more than, it seems to me, creating a hydraheaded govern-
11 mental section which is made up of not two proliferation
12 possibilities, but three. You have local governments,
13 regional governments and the then existing intergovernmental
14 compacts.

15 If you are to have a regional government, it makes
16 sense to me that that government should replace the local
17 government. If you are not going to have a regional govern-
18 ment which does not replace the local, then it makes sense
19 to me to do ^{so} by the interchange of powers and intergovern-
20 mental compacts. I can't, in my own thinking, see a place
21 for a regional government having less than all the powers