

1 vote even submitted to referendum.

2 MR. CASE: If a referendum were required by the
3 charter of that particular county.

4 MR. SAYRE: Well, they could either submit it or
5 not submit it, according to the terms of their charter.

6 MR. CASE: Most charters say they have to be sub-
7 mitted or, if it doesn't say anything, they are not sub-
8 mitted.

9 MR. SAYRE: Would this also apply to regional
10 governments?

11 MR. CASE: I would hope that it would. I would
12 suggest --

13 MR. SAYRE: It would be inconsistent not to
14 apply one place and --

15 MR. CASE: Yes. I think this is a very important
16 thing, because the whole is no stronger than the sum of the
17 strength of its parts, and once you start chipping away at
18 the level of the region or the county, then you are really
19 hurting the State. You are hurting everybody.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Martineau?

21 MR. MARTINEAU: It would seem to me, although