

1 it can be made a matter of statute by the General Assembly
2 when it acts to withdraw the powers by general public law
3 and I believe that, acting in that manner, notwithstanding
4 the contrary point of view, gives a degree of flexibility
5 to the situation which is a greater argument in its favor
6 than the opposite, which is that it permits change.

7 I think the change is more desirable than unde-
8 sirable and the inflexibility of Constitutional language
9 would require the Constitutional amendment to change it is
10 more of an argument against than in favor.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Case:

12 MR. CASE: I feel pretty strongly that there are
13 certain times when it pays to be a little inflexible. There
14 is nothing gained by being flexible just for the sake of
15 saying you can go off in all directions at the same time
16 and, when I come to this matter of credit and have the
17 borrowing power of the counties, which is a very important
18 ingredient to them, it just seems to me that the time to
19 stand on strict principles is in the basic document.

20 Now, this may be a conservative point of view
21 and I will grant that it is, but it has been my experience