

1 MR. CLAGETT: It's a statutory limitation.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: That's in the Express Powers Act.
3 My point is, there's a slight difference in that and what
4 we're talking about. Under the present Constitution, as I
5 understand, there are only three things as far as counties
6 are concerned, Section 54, Article XI, so far as Baltimore
7 City is concerned, and Section 7 of that article, which is
8 quite detailed, and then the general provisions in Article
9 XI(A), as to any charter county, which means simply it's
10 governed by any statute in the charter. So, wouldn't we be
11 adding something into this Constitution that is not now there?

12 MR. CASE: Contract, that's true, because now not
13 only do you have the Express Powers Act, as far as counties
14 are concerned, of course, every charter county or other
15 county, there has to be a special act passed.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: But there is nothing in the Con-
17 stitution as to non-charter counties.

18 MR. CASE: Except 54.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Which simply says you have to have
20 an act of the General Assembly.

21 MR. CASE: It says more than that.