

1 charter of the county, if you are going to give them home
2 rule.

3 MR. CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I would say to that,
4 that that situation, assuming that that situation could
5 exist, could not exist more than four years and it seems to
6 me --

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Why do you say that?

8 MR. CLAGETT: Because after a four-year period,
9 the non-charter counties would have a charter.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: I see what you mean.

11 MR. CLAGETT: And certainly it is to be contem-
12 plated that any charter of a county, however it's adopted,
13 will include some such restriction as we are envisaging
14 here or will make some provision for it and I merely suggest
15 that it would be a very real departure and mistake to now
16 write into the Constitution a restriction upon a broad grant
17 of power which we are giving for the purpose of vitalizing
18 and stimulating a county government, and to now come along
19 and start putting restrictions upon it would be a mistake.

20 Now, with reference to a point of Mrs.
21 Freedlander's, of course, we do tell the counties that in