

1 shall provide by public general law an instrument of
2 government for all counties which have not adopted an
3 instrument of government by January 1 of the fourth year
4 following the effective date of this Constitution. What
5 is the matter with that, John?

6 THE CHAIRMAN: This is a change in what I
7 thought you said before. Let's go back to the fundamentals.
8 What does the Committee contemplate in the four-year period,
9 that counties must adopt a charter form of government or
10 take the legislative form, or are the counties to be
11 permitted to adopt a form of government other than a
12 charter form of government?

13 MR. CLAGETT: The Committee here contemplates
14 that a charter form of government shall be adopted after
15 the fourth year, and we did so because we were unable to
16 really conceive of an effective way of handling the home
17 rule powers otherwise.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: What you are saying then, if
19 I understand you, that within four years the county has
20 the right to adopt a form of government, but it must be a
21 charter form of government. If it doesn't, then at the