

1 MRS. BOTHE: Well, in your Prince George's  
2 County where your people are so sore at the prospect of  
3 a charter, suppose some person creates some instrument  
4 of inadequate government within the four-year period --

5 THE CHAIRMAN: It has to be adopted by the  
6 people.

7 MRS. BOTHE: The people don't want a charter.

8 MR. CLAGETT: They are going to get it, anyway.  
9 That's the point. There are only 37 charter counties in  
10 the entire United States. Four of those 37 are right here  
11 in Maryland. So, it hasn't been the most popular form of  
12 government. However, all authorities agree that it is the  
13 most effective structure of government where you are going  
14 to use such broad powers as we have provided here.

15 Now, it is in order to give those broad powers  
16 that we are going this additional step and it is a pretty  
17 difficult step to take. It is one that I think we are  
18 going to have difficulty enough in selling it, but I think  
19 it can be accomplished. The last vote in Prince George's  
20 County when the charter was defeated was a close one.  
21 Before that it was a substantial majority. The movement