

1 in Prince George's County is in the direction of acceptance
2 of the idea.

3 MRS. BOTHE: May I raise a question of a
4 hiatus that might be created if something less than a
5 charter or instrument were created during the four-year
6 period and then the charter provided by the Legislature
7 wouldn't be operative.

8 MR. CLAGETT: Say that again.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: But if it is a less adequate
10 one, it is one that the people of the county have adopted.

11 MRS. BOTHE: Perhaps.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Not perhaps. They will have.
13 Otherwise, they will not have complied with this section.

14 MR. CASE: She's talking about the four-year
15 period.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: That's right, within the four-
17 year period, the people have to adopt it.

18 MR. CASE: Suppose they don't do anything?

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Then the charter adopted by the
20 Legislature becomes effective.

21 MR. CASE: That's right, but at the end of the