DR. BURDETTE: Nothing prohibits them.

MR. HAILE: They can do it now.

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{DR}}$$. BURDETTE: Indeed, they put it on referendum, and it was defeated.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are not getting this in the record very well when you jump back and forth. Is there any objection to deletion of the words, non-charter, in the third line?

JUDGE ADKINS: I would accept the amendment, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there further discussion of the amendment?

MR. SAYRE: I have a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sayre?

MR. SAYRE: If they haven't adopted some form of government, is that what we are talking about prior to January 1 four years hence? Is that what we are saying?

JUDIE ADKINS: I would assume the Chair's amendment would permit any County not having previously adopted charter government to enact an instrument government hereafter, or would permit any County which has heretofore