

1 then to be recognized as a charter government and at the
2 same time most of them probably will comply with the
3 Constitution and the power structure, et cetera, and if
4 they don't, they amend their Constitution to so provide.

5 MR. CLAGETT: Then, Mr. Chairman, if we added
6 the language in Subsection (b), the existing charter --
7 the Counties which now have a charter shall continue.
8 Wait a minute. That isn't it. All Counties which
9 presently have a charter, as well as those Counties which
10 have not adopted an instrument of government or General
11 Assembly plan has become effective shall have those powers
12 provided in the Constitution. Would that do it?

13 THE CHAIRMAN: No. You would still have
14 powers. Would this perhaps do it: Until such time as
15 the County adopts an instrument of government or the
16 instrument of government proposed by the General Assembly
17 becomes effective, the structure of existing County govern-
18 ments shall continue in effect as the instrument of
19 government for such Counties, or something to that effect.

20 MR. CLAGETT: Except that you haven't got a
21 structure for the County Commissioners.