

1 mean they are gone? Definitely, for municipalities.

2 MR. BROOKS: Counties individually could
3 set up a classification if they wanted to in each County
4 or go unlimited. There is no restriction at all now on
5 what relationship there is.

6 DR. BARD: Isn't that withdrawal of an
7 existing power?

8 THE CHAIRMAN: No, it is a withdrawal with
9 respect to an existing municipal corporation. In other
10 words, the withdrawal of the existing power refers only
11 to the existing municipal corporation.

12 DR. BARD: Withdrawal of an existing form.

13 MR. BROOKS: It really releases the whole
14 area to a great deal of freedom that at this point is
15 restricted in the present Constitution and statutes.

16 DR. BARD: What is the major criticism that
17 the Maryland Municipal League has on this subject?

18 MR. BROOKS: I really couldn't say.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: I would assume from the news-
20 paper accounts that their criticism is to taking away
21 from the Legislature and conferring on the County the