

1 were badly enough needed. We don't need any more 150
2 population towns created, but if you are really going
3 to say that Hagerstown and Cumberland are absolutely
4 straitjacketed the same as the Counties are going to
5 allow them to develop, this may be very tight business.

6 MR. CLAGETT: I think that brings into focus
7 something else. There were back in 1960, 152 municipal-
8 ities in the entire State. There are now 149, because
9 three of them have been dissolved. Of that remaining
10 149, some 115 are of a population of less than 2500
11 persons. Now, with that staring us in the face, we feel,
12 and the Committee, I thought, was in agreement, that
13 the trend of the future was toward a dissolution of
14 municipal corporations as a device of local subdivisions.

15 DR. BURDETTE: Unfortunately, we don't touch
16 that. We say they can't be dissolved without consent.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Let me interrupt. This is an
18 interesting dialogue, but the rest of us are merely
19 sitting by. I don't think we are accomplishing anything.

20 I would like to get clear, and then anyone
21 who wants to make a motion can do so, what the recommen-