

1 MR. HAILE: A County can be dissolved by three-
2 fifths vote whether it wants to or not.

3 MR. SCANLAN: There are really three points
4 of view called up by this particular amendment: The
5 phrase, existing powers set forth in the charters, they
6 can't be taken from them without their consent, or the
7 consent of the General Assembly, would mean merely they
8 can keep what they now have in their charters. That
9 doesn't go far enough for Dr. Burdette. He wants them
10 to keep their power that they would have under 23 (2)
11 in effect. Senator Hoff would go even further and as
12 to new municipalities, ^{you} would not want them to be
13 restricted?

14 MR. HOFF: I did not bring in the question of
15 new municipalities. Dr. Burdette and I stand on the
16 same ground.

17 MR. SCANLAN: If you adopted Senator Hoff's
18 idea, you would have the situation wherein the future
19 a County might create a very large municipality like,
20 say, the City of Silver Spring might decide to become a
21 municipality with 160,000 people. That municipality