

1 provision wouldn't require it. It would merely in a
2 subtle sort of a way encourage it, and if for other rea-
3 sons, it didn't occur, the Constitution would not in any
4 way force it.

5 We did feel that it was a long-term objective
6 that was desirable. Whether it would be a merger, I think
7 I used perhaps an unfortunate word, except insofar as we
8 wanted to leave open the possibility that some of the other
9 State institutions would become a part of the University
10 of Maryland and as a part of that movement want to have
11 representation on the Board of Regents. Of course, they
12 should have a part in the control of the University if
13 they join it, and for that reason, we didn't want to
14 freeze the number of members of the Board of Regents,

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Jenkins?

16 DR. JENKINS: Let me say first I am very much in
17 favor of this. I think it would be a very forward-looking
18 step to provide constitutional autonomy, though I am going
19 to suggest two amendments. If the purpose of this is to
20 provide a further safeguard for the University, and for my
21 amendment, the institution of higher education, from inter-