

1 civic organizations, et cetera, to the same degree that they  
2 do within their own counties, and so I put some weight on  
3 that, and therefore would like to have the ratio moved,  
4 the disparity in the ratio moved upward as much as would  
5 be constitutional, but it seems to me this is a Federal  
6 interpretation, and therefore I don't want to jump in  
7 this direction.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? Mr.  
9 Sayre?

10 MR. SAYRE: There is a real philosophical  
11 point here that I think is being overlooked. If we per-  
12 mit the counties to control how the State is to be set  
13 up under our State Constitution, we are permitting the  
14 Federal Government to make inroads to every county, town,  
15 function and so forth so that by another twenty-five  
16 years the State will be a hollow shell, a department of  
17 the Federal Government, and unless we buttress the  
18 strength of the State, what we are saying about the coun-  
19 ties is going to be absolutely pointless, and this is the  
20 whole point that I am directing here by strengthening  
21 the State government, setting limits, providing powers