

1 that the area affected would be the state as a whole  
2 consistent with the principle first stated.

3 I, therefore, in light of that kind of  
4 provision with respect to change of boundaries would  
5 favor that there be no limitation insofar as the number  
6 of signatures on a petition to activate the referendum  
7 procedure. Because if an area, a particular area, is  
8 the only one affected, as you indicated, it would be the  
9 area primarily concerned and interested in going ahead  
10 and voicing this or putting into effect this referendum  
11 procedure. In order to be consistent in principle, I  
12 think that there should be no restriction upon the  
13 number of signatures and simply let it be 5 per cent.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bond.

15 MR. BOND: May I ask Mr. Clagett -- it seems  
16 inconsistent, he says if two counties are affected,  
17 your Committee is going to propose that the two counties  
18 thereby affected would have a chance to vote, is that  
19 correct?

20 MR. CLAGETT: If there are three or less, the  
21 new area would have the right of referendum. If it