

1 be established by the General Assembly a Department of  
2 local affairs to assist the counties in the establishment  
3 of their home rule and other affairs.

4 If such a department is provided, would that  
5 not come under the article as it is now written?

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

7 DELEGATE SICKLES: I am not sure I understand  
8 the last part of your question.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: She says if such a bureau or  
10 department is established, would it then be covered  
11 under Section 4.25 as it is in the committee recommenda-  
12 tion without the amendment.

13 Is that your question, Delegate Freedlander?

14 DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: Yes.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

16 DELEGATE SICKLES: My answer is yes, that would  
17 be an agency of the state and therefore would be covered  
18 by 4.25 even before the amendment.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke, do you have  
20 a question?

21 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Yes, sir.