

1           In other words, would you upset the present  
2 plan, since your language does not permit a boundary such  
3 as the beltway to be taken into account?

4           THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

5           DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No, I think the gentleman  
6 misunderstands the intent of the section.

7           Constitutionally, this much the legislature is  
8 required to do, namely, to give due regard to natural  
9 boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions.

10           This does not eliminate the right of the General  
11 Assembly to consider other artificially created natural  
12 boundaries, such as the Beltway. I would see no incon-  
13 sistency between the two.

14           THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clagett.

15           DELEGATE CLAGETT: Delegate Gallagher, may I  
16 make an inquiry? With respect to the inquiry of Delegate  
17 Weidemeyer a moment or so ago, that the language, adjoin-  
18 ing territories, is ironclad, am I not correct in inter-  
19 preting "territory" to include territorial waters?

20           I know of no water that sits upon anything  
21 other than territory or land in that restricted sense, but