

pal corporation", is the right of the county to grant additional powers applicable to only those corporations which they may create, or is it applicable to existing corporations at the time the constitution goes into effect?

THE PRESIDENT: That again is a question of substance. The Chair refers it to Delegate Moser, Chairman of the Committee.

DELEGATE MOSER: Mr. President, the meaning of the section is that it applies to all municipalities, whether they be existing ones or new ones created by the county.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further questions as to section 7.07?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair hears none.

Section 7.08.

Delegate Hanson, do you have a question as to 7.07?

DELEGATE HANSON: 7.08, Mr. Chairman.

THE PRESIDENT: Let Delegate Penniman comment, first.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: This is again, I think, basically only a matter of putting the definition first, and then seeking to merge what seemed a bit repetitive. I think there are no essential changes other than that.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. President, my question relates to the language, "the General Assembly may provide by law for the establishment, merger or dissolution of multi-county governmental units, or for the alteration of their boundaries, or for the powers they exercise."

Now, Delegate Penniman, does this term as it is used here mean what it seems to mean to me, that this would be general law applicable statewide and would apply essentially then to the procedures by which these organizations would be established, or does it mean what seems to be said on page 3 of your report, that the General Assembly is granted authority by the constitution to enact such laws as those pertaining to multi-county governmental units which may or may not be general laws?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: May or may not be general laws.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: The language is the same, though, as that which you use when you mean "may only be general laws", I take it.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: That is right, but what happens is that this is one of the exceptions. I failed to mention it as I went by it, as requested by Delegate Bamberger, but this is one of those which is listed as one of the exceptions. I am sorry I failed to mention it.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other questions as to 7.08? Delegate Willoner.

DELEGATE WILLONER: This language "pertaining to a popularly elected regional government"; that is added language, is it not, the "pertaining to"?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: Excuse me. Where?

DELEGATE WILLONER: On line 39.

THE PRESIDENT: It comes from the deleted language on line 36.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: That is correct, and this question of referenda applies only to any law pertaining to a popularly elected representative regional government, so that it excludes from it any inter-governmental authority.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Willoner.

DELEGATE WILLONER: This is your word, "pertaining", is that correct?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: That is correct. In fact, it was the suggestion of Chairman Moser.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Willoner.

DELEGATE WILLONER: Maybe this question should be directed to Chairman Moser. "Pertaining" is much broader. I am no expert; I wish Mr. Case were on the floor. I thought regarding the establishment of these representative governments "pertaining to" would seem to apply to every decision or every law that was made regarding the regional government and would have to be subject to referendum.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Moser, can you answer the question.

DELEGATE MOSER: You may be right that it would be an extremely broad word. What it is intended to include are the words which have been stricken by the Committee on Style, which is "establishing, affecting the powers of, or dissolving, or