

1 accomplishing the same thing in a different way. I still
2 can't see why to go ahead and do it directly, emanating
3 from the constitution, in the long run wouldn't be the
4 best. What are you safeguarding when you put it through
5 the Legislature rather than directly from the constitution
6 or what are you safeguarding when you say the Legislature
7 would have the authority to do this other than to say that
8 the Legislature may grant and in its wisdom does not grant
9 some power to the local units?

10 MR. MELVIN: As we discussed this before, it is
11 difficult to pinpoint it, if you give all powers of govern-
12 ment to a local unit, it seems to me in many areas which
13 they could act, which would be contrary to the best interests
14 of the State as a whole, and which admittedly the State
15 could later correct by saying, Okay, we are going to take
16 that power away from you, but meantime you could, it seems
17 to me, run into considerable difficulty. I have forgotten
18 the example Judge Adkins gave, but it had something to do
19 with oysters as I recall it.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Or the Potomac River pollution
21 problem.