

1 formation of any new municipal corporation.

2 MR. CLAGETT: That puts squarely in focus  
3 the good purpose that can be served by looking over the  
4 four corners of our proposed Article here because the  
5 very next Section and Subsection brings the answer, and  
6 I go on to read Section 11.02, Powers of Counties and  
7 Other Civil Divisions.

8 Subsection (a). A County may exercise any  
9 power or perform any function which is not denied to  
10 it by its charter or by law which in its terms and in its  
11 effects is applicable to all Counties or to all Counties  
12 of its class, and which has not been transferred to  
13 another civil division.

14 Now, the reason why I say this is your answer,  
15 the Committee, after extended debate and I say that in  
16 the light of months rather than just one or two meetings,  
17 debated the fundamental approach of a broad grant of  
18 power to the Counties provided for in the Constitution  
19 or a grant of power to the Counties from the General  
20 Assembly. In other words, constitutional in source or  
21 legislative or statutory in source, and we finally determined