

1 referred to whereas the existing County Commissioners can
2 just take off on Home Rule with fiscal irresponsibility
3 if they want to?

4 MR. CLAGETT: Yes, the Committee does contem-
5 plate that when the General Assembly starts exercising
6 its power to withdraw that this area will come in for
7 serious consideration by it.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Judge Adkins?

9 JUDGE ADKINS: I would like to ask for clari-
10 fication on the meaning of Section, of Subparagraph 1.
11 I don't get much out of this. Provided optional plans
12 of organization and structure. My first question is,
13 does that mean that the Legislature has to provide
14 more than one method and secondly, what does the term,
15 abandonment of optional form of government, mean,
16 specifically related to the term, abandon, and to the
17 term, optional? What is an optional form of local
18 government? Is it the optional term that is provided for
19 in the first sentence of this paragraph? I just don't
20 understand this.

21 MR. CLAGETT: Well, it is contemplated that