

1 I would certainly favor a provision that  
2 would give not only the Legislature but the county  
3 governments and the people the right to call into being  
4 a regional government to exercise all these functions.  
5 It seems to me, however, that it is very risky to insert  
6 a provision that ties the hand of the Legislature and  
7 perhaps puts restrictions on its ability to solve the  
8 problems that we are trying to give the authority to  
9 solve.

10 I point out to you also that Mr. Sykes'  
11 motion originally and as amended in accordance with  
12 Mr. Martineau's suggestion, makes an assumption which  
13 isn't a valid assumption at the moment and that is that  
14 there will be regions and regional governments created.  
15 There may not be regions. Hence you would have a provi-  
16 sion that would say you couldn't have authorities  
17 created to serve different functions and overlapping  
18 areas and let's say overlapping regions and there may  
19 be no regions to overlap.

20 It seems to me on balance that this is an  
21 area where we will hope and should hope that the