

"of multi-county governmental units, including intergovernmental authorities and popularly elected representative regional governments, but excluding municipal corporations."

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wagandt offers the amendment. Is it seconded?

*(Whereupon, the amendment was duly seconded.)*

The Chair recognizes Delegate Wagandt to speak to the amendment. Delegate Wagandt.

DELEGATE WAGANDT: This is a clarifying amendment. You will recall yesterday in the dialogue between Delegates Case and Moser that the sections as currently worded could be interpreted to mean that the General Assembly has the power to create an intergovernmental authority wholly within the boundaries of one county.

This was not the intent of the Committee on Local Government, for as you can see, section 7.10 is headed, "Multi-County Governments", and this is what this section was meant to concern.

You will also recall that questions were raised about differences in meaning between the words "multi-county governmental units" and "intergovernmental authorities". Therefore, to clarify these terms I have submitted the following phraseology which has just been read to you.

You will note that the term, "and other units of local government" has been omitted because this term raises more questions than it answers. The new wording "multi-county governmental units, including intergovernmental authorities and popularly elected regional governments," does not exclude some other form of multi-county governmental unit, which perhaps the General Assembly might conceive of in ten, twenty, thirty, or fifty years from now. The term "and civil units" has been omitted because as referred to in other sections of the Local Government Article, these units are wholly within the boundaries of a single county.

We did leave in "municipal corporations" because a municipal corporation can cross a county line.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Delegate Moser.

DELEGATE MOSER: Mr. Chairman, and ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I think that Delegate Wagandt has clearly stated the purpose of this amendment.

The Committee also discussed this. I think the colloquy between Delegate Case and I clarified certain things for the Committee, and the amendment makes clear that section 7.10 relates solely to multi-county units of government. Therefore, unless some member of the Committee would disagree with me, I would say the Committee does not oppose this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? Are you ready for the question? Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Delegate Moser would yield for a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Moser, do you yield for a question?

DELEGATE MOSER: I yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Under the language of the amendment, you have the general category, multi-county governmental units, and then you include certain types of such units, I would assume. Is it your understanding that the intention is to list "all" multi-county governmental units after the word "including", or "some" multi-county governmental units after the word "including"? Could there be other units within this concept that are not listed?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Moser.

DELEGATE MOSER: Delegate Hardwicke, when I was asked yesterday whether there could be any other than the authority and the popularly represented regional governments I was hard pressed to come up with examples. It is not intended to be exclusive; it is intended to be without limitation. I can give an example of a multi-county governmental unit, the same example I gave yesterday, which is not an authority and not a popularly elected regional government, the Regional Planning Council of Baltimore. The amendment would apply to this unit, which is not an authority as it is presently constituted, as I understand it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Would the Chairman yield for one further question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Does Delegate Moser yield?

DELEGATE MOSER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: If we ac-