

1 The motion is carried fifteen to three.

2 MR. CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, I don't want  
3 to beat a dead horse but I do want to bring out the  
4 possibility of a conflict between the action just  
5 taken on no restriction with respect to the forming of  
6 regional governments. It is conceivable, it seems to  
7 me, that three or four counties would have their lines  
8 dissolved and be formed into one or into a region or  
9 district or borough or department or whatever name you  
10 may give to it and in that case you would have the  
11 restriction by reason of the action just taken.

12 If you don't take that action, you could  
13 conceivably have a situation where you are creating a  
14 regional government and then by reason, without restric-  
15 tion and then by reason of the restriction the  
16 counties wither and die on the vine because of the  
17 built-in restriction here. In my thinking, if we are  
18 going to have counties, then the counties should be an  
19 active viable unit of government. It should not be one  
20 which has its powers drained away into some separate  
21 superimposed entity or let me put it this way, some