

1                   For instance, how do these regional govern-  
2                   ments acquire their powers? In answer to this, in  
3                   regard to counties and municipalities, we have additional  
4                   sections in our local government article dealing with  
5                   this particular question. On the other hand, to say  
6                   no more here will mean that local regional governments  
7                   probably won't be able to come into existence. In  
8                   addition, there is a real problem, probably in regard to  
9                   the existing authorities. The proof elsewhere seems to  
10                  be that where there is a multiplicity of authorities,  
11                  these authorities consider their interests to be of  
12                  such a special character that they themselves are interests  
13                  group resisting any kind of regional government.

14                  It is in the very areas of the state, for  
15                  instance, where the authorities and the multiplicity  
16                  of authorities exist that the need for the regional  
17                  government exists. It is not Western Maryland or the  
18                  Eastern Shore that is in need of the regional government,  
19                  plus it is not these areas that have the authorities.  
20                  Rather it is the Baltimore-Washington area and I didn't  
21                  realize until Dr. Burdette mentioned there were over 150