

it. So we are in the process now of formulating this committee of 100 which would organize all of these governmental districts into one workable group to solve our common problems.

I think it is a step in the right direction.

We had one of the first, as a matter of fact, intergovernmental groups of this kind in the Nation, in our six-county supervisors, in the county committee, and this is a committee made up of representatives of six counties in southeastern Michigan and through this committee we are making studies and are in the process of solving many of our problems which include sewage treatment and disposal, areawide water programs, solid waste disposal. We have had studies concerning the metropolitan area facilities. This has been a very good group and certainly we would like to see something fostered that would have groups around the country get together and solve problems on an areawide, mutual basis.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Did you say you did get an enabling legislation about 3 years ago in Michigan to provide for, roughly speaking, county home rule?

Mr. McDONALD. Unfortunately, in Michigan, we have had a problem with the enabling legislation. Our new constitution provided for home rule. There was enabling legislation that would be given to us by the legislature of the State. We have run into some problems there in obtaining this legislation and we are in the effort, in this particular session in Michigan, of trying to bring pressure to bear to see to it that we do get some type of legislation this year.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you very much, Mr. McDonald, for making a very splendid witness here.

We appreciate your coming.

All time has expired and the committee will stand in recess until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 12:20 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, 1966.)