

1 are authorities in the field speak and note the lack of re-
2 spect on the part of some of the other members for their
3 experience and educational attainment, I am very concerned.

4 Delegate Beachley is an educator in the State
5 who has served abroad for the State Department. Dr. Pul-
6 len is the former State Superintendent of Schools, and some
7 of us who are lawyers are not fooled by the attempt to
8 misdefine equal educational opportunity, and I speak, when
9 I speak as a former teacher and a former educator for all
10 of the children in this State who have not had equal
11 educational opportunity --

12 THE CHAIRMAN: You have one-half minute, Dele-
13 gate Mitchell.

14 DELEGATE MITCHELL: -- because they had the
15 mistake to be born in rural areas where there were no
16 opportunities for handicapped children, where there were
17 no vocational training schools or not in the little towns
18 and the like; and there is a tremendous need and a respon-
19 sibility and duty on the part of this State, and the
20 States of this nation to provide every child with an
21 equal educational opportunity.