

1 borrowing because it has got the triple-A rating, many of
2 those counties have been unable to participate, and the
3 reason they have been unable to participate is because they
4 can't pay the money back in 15 years.

5 Now, these are agencies of our government who
6 may be in a position 50 or 100 years, yet to come when it
7 will be necessary for us to take advantage of borrowings
8 in order to aid not only the subdivisions, but the needs
9 that occur. Now, if I were as smart as those who
10 profess to see the next 50 or 100 years, I would pick out
11 whatever is the right year, and say this shall be its
12 maturity, but I don't think any of us are quite that smart.
13 What we have done is this: We know what we have got. We
14 know that we have got a 15-year maturity, we know that it
15 is good, and we know also that we have a triple-A rating,
16 but just in case the time comes when we need to provide
17 that extra aid, maybe to match some tremendous need
18 that comes from the federal government's funds which have to
19 be matched, maybe the need for a crash program to provide
20 schools, I don't know, but the point is that we have
21 provided the protection that we need, and that is simply