

1 of the budget amendment which states in effect that the
2 Legislature may not reduce that portion of the budget
3 which reaches them and deals with school affairs. Is this
4 correct, Mr. Sachs?

5 MR. SACHS: Yes. We considered at the last
6 meeting, as the minutes reflect, the first five subsec-
7 tions of the proposed new draft, which as you have indicated,
8 leaves unchanged that privilege.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: So that we are not here discus-
10 sing the question of the power of the General Assembly
11 to cut the school budget. The Committee believes, at
12 least, that power should be denied. What we are talking
13 about is the way the executive makes up his budget and,
14 as I see it, the issue is in substance whether or not the
15 governor must accept the budget prepared by the State
16 Board of Education, or whether or not there should be some
17 room for the governor to negotiate with the State Board,
18 as to what the budget should be, or indeed have a veto
19 power, consistent with law, over the budget.

20 Now, with that prefatory statement, I would like
21 to ask Mr. Raver if he has any statement he would like to