

1 This was put in in -- when did the Hughes Bill pass, '64,
2 wasn't it; yes, 1964, the so-called Hughes Bill was put
3 in.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.

5 MR. RAVER: -- six years in advance of the
6 fiscal year. Recently, State Department of Education
7 statistics, determined in cooperation with the State Health
8 Department, have been accurate within one-half of one per
9 cent. Obviously, there is little or no room for negotia-
10 tion here.

11 The third item, dealing with the numbers of
12 teachers, has, in the past, been pre-audited at the request
13 of the Budget Director but has never been changed -- let
14 alone negotiated!

15 I understand this has happened twice, accord-
16 ing to Dr. Zimmerman, that two times the question arose
17 and the State Department invited them to send in an auditor
18 for a pre-audit of their estimates. They did, and in
19 neither year was there any change made. As a matter of
20 fact, they didn't even complete the audit the second year.

21 Nevertheless, as long as a single estimate is