

1 MR. CASE: Ladies and gentlemen, the meeting
2 will come to order. This meeting has been called to
3 clear up some points that were made in the record of
4 two hearings which the Committee on State Finance and
5 Taxation heretofore held.

6 Before getting into that, let me make one
7 point abundantly clear, so there cannot be any mis-
8 understanding on anybody's part and that is, nothing
9 that this Committee has done and nothing that I have
10 heard said during any of the deliberations would in
11 any way indicate that the Committee is opposed to a
12 strong progressive system of public schools for the
13 State. Quite to the contrary, personally, as a former
14 member of the State Board of Education and a current
15 member of the Board of Regents of the University, I
16 can hardly be other than for a strong system of public
17 education and I know that my colleagues on the Com-
18 mittee feel just as I do about this.

19 For the record, also I should like to say
20 that the Committee has already passed, with approval,
21 a proposal that the legislature should not be permitted