

1 DR. SENSENBAUGH: I'm talking in terms of
2 program, and the only thing we're talking about is the
3 State Aid Budget, the part that goes out to the twenty-
4 four school systems. We're not talking at all about
5 our Department budget. Now, our Department budget is
6 subject to revision and cutting and everything else,
7 just the same as any other department's budget; but
8 here is a basic commitment by the State to the twenty-
9 four local systems which is a portion of their income
10 that they have to use in balancing out their budget
11 and it has to be done well in advance of the time the
12 General Assembly meets.

13 They make up their budgets, and Dr. Earhart
14 can tell you what time the school budget has to be made
15 up, Mr. Sartorius knows what time his budget has to be
16 submitted to the County officials for action, and I
17 presume this is before the General Assembly has even
18 a chance to act on our budget. So, we, in accordance
19 with the law, have a commitment to the school systems.

20 Now, if the State doesn't want this commit-
21 ment, then they ought to change the laws during the