

1 place where this should be worked out, rather than
2 through some other agency of county government going
3 into the county school boards' offices and that sort
4 of thing and trying to get backup information on the
5 various elements that go into financial State aid.

6 Now, I might say we had good relations. In
7 the nine years that I had anything to do with the
8 budget at all, we never had any disagreement. We never
9 had any -- sure, some of our budgets were adjusted from
10 time to time. Based on our study, we called the budget
11 people in and we said we have a different estimate.
12 Sometimes they have estimated up and sometimes down
13 and it was down sometimes right up until the time of
14 the legislature. We often made, in a supplemental
15 budget, we'd get the State Board to approve a revision
16 of the estimates for State aid and submit them, and
17 there wasn't any problem.

18 Looking at it from the other angle, as a
19 county superintendent, we would certainly want to see
20 the State Department of Education with all its re-
21 sources and its contacts and its work with the local