

1 superintendents and local staffs in the counties be
2 the one that would be responsible and come up with a
3 firm figure that we could count on and not thinking
4 that down in the legislature, that the Governor or
5 budget people could just arbitrarily, and I'm not
6 saying they would, but it could happen, reduce the
7 amount and then the budget goes through, even though
8 the legislature has passed certain laws, they could
9 reduce the budget and in turn that would affect our
10 employment or the number of teachers we would want to
11 have, whether we would want to get experienced teachers
12 or beginning teachers.

13 It could tie our hands if we knew our allot-
14 ment of the total State aid was going to be reduced by
15 somebody who wanted to. We would look to the State
16 Department to fulfill this responsibility.

17 Now, this thing could happen, Mr. Case. We
18 could have a Governor or budget department where maybe
19 they weren't sympathetic to some part of the State aid
20 budget, such as handicapped children. They could say,
21 well, you shouldn't expand that. You shouldn't take