

1 quite clear, but the intent there was to see that every
2 child in Maryland had a decent education. So, I think
3 from that standpoint it is highly important.

4 I would like to comment on Article 3, in which
5 it says the Constitution -- I can't quote it -- that
6 should be kept inviolate for the purposes of education.
7 Some people think that applies only to religion; that is
8 Article 8, Section 3. Now, that was put in there for
9 a specific purpose.

10 In 1867, along in that time, the reconstruction
11 legislatures were appropriating vast sums of money os-
12 tensibly for the purposes of education and then turning
13 around and diverting it to other purposes. They did it
14 to the University of Maryland, they did it to every
15 university. They did it to every school system in the
16 south, and if you think that is a danger long past, you
17 are sadly mistaken. The State of Alabama less than ten
18 years ago, I think it was ten years ago, diverted
19 \$1,000,000 from the school fund to build a hospital.
20 That is not an unusual danger, and I think that one
21 purpose, I think that one statement should stay in there.