

1 who are incompetent to advise, who have limited educa-
2 tional backgrounds, who have limited interests in educa-
3 tion and, consequently, the children of this State and
4 the citizens of this State suffer.

5 If I were running for the governorship of
6 Maryland -- and this is no pronouncement, please -- one
7 of the things I would argue for is greater power of
8 representative government and more of the voice of the
9 people. Let me cite two cases of that. In North
10 Carolina, for instance, they do not permit the right
11 of veto on the grounds -- as Woodrow Wilson said, free
12 men need no guardians. In the State of Massachusetts
13 they have what they call a right of free petition, which
14 means any citizen can present a bill and it must be
15 considered.

16 I think the greatest weakness today in local
17 government is that the power, under the new political
18 theory, the power of the representatives is limited,
19 greatly limited and the new political theory on that,
20 the elected official must have all power to do the
21 things he wants to do. But, suppose he is stupid?