

1 the salaries provided by law or to transport the children
2 as required by law, and I think that is why we have man-
3 dated section.

4 Legislators quarrel about this, but I think
5 in the final analysis, they understand it, but it is
6 just the fact that the bulk of our budget cannot be
7 reduced by the General Assembly. It comes down to, in
8 the final analysis, what can they reduce?

9 They can reduce the headquarters, the office
10 of the State Superintendent of Schools, and that is a
11 small way, but they don't get to the millions of dollars
12 which goes to the support of the operation of the
13 schools out in the counties and in Baltimore City.

14 THE CHAIRLADY: The budget, though, as pre-
15 sented to the legislature and unalterable by the Governor
16 is one which is prepared by the budget director and not
17 by the school -- and is not the School Superintendent's
18 sole right or responsibility to present.

19 DR. ZIMMERMAN: Well, we prepare the estimates
20 for minimum salaries, the other costs and transportation.
21 We submit them to the budget director and he in turn