

1 passes them on to the Governor, but the budget director
2 may not reduce them for the Governor. He has to take our
3 estimates on these mandated items. The budget director
4 may reduce headquarters, the operation of the State
5 Department, but not those mandated items.

6 THE CHAIRLADY: If you demanded, though, the
7 entire funds of the State of Maryland for the public
8 schools, there is nothing anyone can do about it?

9 MR. ENEY: No.

10 DR. ZIMMERMAN: I'm not saying that --

11 MR. ENEY: You're talking about the equaliza-
12 tion fund.

13 DR. ZIMMERMAN: That's right, and the ones
14 mandated --

15 MR. ENEY: Which are fixed by law.

16 DR. ZIMMERMAN: Fixed by law. He can reduce
17 the ones not fixed by law, the so-called non-mandated
18 items.

19 MR. ENEY: Essentially, isn't what you call
20 the mandated funds the equalization --

21 DR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, that's right. It does