

1 enlightened governors, school people and the members of  
2 the legislature have realized that the best politics is  
3 not to tamper with the school funds which are needed to  
4 operate the schools, and I think the fact that this has  
5 been in here has served as a warning to people not to do  
6 the kind of things we are talking about. I know during  
7 my tenure we've had good relationships, as far as the  
8 State mandated items are concerned.

9 MR. ENEY: Dr. Zimmerman, could I ask you to  
10 comment on a matter I asked Dr. Pullen to comment on?  
11 There have been suggestions that various independent  
12 boards should be made advisory only and that the head  
13 of an agency, executive head of the agency supervised  
14 by the board responsible directly to the Governor.  
15 Would you comment as to whether that would be desirable  
16 or undesirable with respect to education?

17 DR. ZIMMERMAN: Well, the fact that I am  
18 recommending that the State Board of Education and the  
19 State Superintendent be included in the Constitution  
20 gives you my position. I would strongly oppose it.

21 MR. ENEY: It could be excluded, but it would