

1 in nature and terse, as you have described.

2 We want to subscribe to Article 3, support it
3 100 per cent, in that money appropriated for schools not
4 be diverted. Certainly, we want to keep that inviolate.
5 There is a tendency, and I'm not going to burden you with
6 examples, but there are occasions on a local level, and
7 I realize this involves State funds, but it is hard for
8 us to distinguish between State funds and local funds
9 when we get our money to support our budget from State
10 money and therefore it is pretty hard -- we don't keep
11 State funds as a separate account. It goes into our
12 support of general educational funds. So, we would like
13 to see that kept inviolate.

14 Certainly, we want to support Article 3,
15 Section 52, and the various subsections pointed out. You
16 can have a law -- we are operating where most of our
17 funds come to us as a guaranteed \$98 per pupil State
18 support. You can have that as a law and the legislature
19 passes it, but if our estimates, which are reviewed and
20 supported by the State budget that goes to Annapolis,
21 if the budget director or the Governor or somebody else