

1 arrived has been given to this.

2 MR. RAVER: I will simply state that because
3 it is not on the sheet I received, I don't know whether it
4 is specifically mentioned, but this provision elevates
5 public education to a true Jeffersonian status in our
6 society, along with the legislative and judicial branches
7 of our State government. Further, the budgetary regu-
8 lations set forth protect the school program from
9 politican manipulation through threats to remove the
10 necessary funds.

11 When the General Assembly has enacted an
12 education measure the financing must be provided and
13 neither the chief executive nor any other State official
14 can influence school personnel by financial threats in
15 the course of their performance of duty.

16 I hasten to add that I have never seen any
17 attempt at such manipulation in my twenty years in
18 Annapolis as an education lobbyist, but I have seen
19 evidence of such machinations in other areas where such
20 constitutional protection is absent. Therefore, I
21 strongly urge that these provisions be retained in the