

1                   If I might digress just for a minute, and I  
2 won't read all the things on Page 5, but what is being  
3 done is to talk around the country as to a basic or  
4 minimum foundation program, and these almost always by  
5 statute provide what you see here. First the structure,  
6 secondly the basic program involving teachers, length  
7 of years and so on; third, there is a means of financing  
8 and, of course, as this develops, it takes care of the  
9 local, provides for the State's share, whether it is  
10 equalizing, Mr. Eney, or whether it's a basic aid or  
11 what you might call it and, of course, highly important  
12 here is that this equalizing factor be used, or rather,  
13 use the funds in the entire State, no matter from whence  
14 they are drawn, whether it is Baltimore County or  
15 Montgomery, or where; to make sure every citizen will  
16 get an adequate education. This is important. This is  
17 a common practice.

18                   On the other hand, it is in this section I  
19 would recommend there be some revision. I am not a  
20 lawyer. I don't know how you would do this, but that  
21 perhaps there be some reference to a basic or minimum