

1 MRS. ROBIE: I am at 9348 Reed Circle, Fort
2 Washington, Maryland, 20022, I am also the National P-TA
3 Program Chairman, at the moment. Having worked with
4 these other states, through the P-TA National Board,
5 well, of course, we talk a great deal about the problems
6 that come up and legislation has been one of our major
7 items of work, and we have always been so very impressed
8 with the manner that we are able to get things over in
9 Maryland, with the twenty-three counties and Baltimore
10 City making it so much easier to do things in our State.
11 We just, if you look around at the way education is
12 operating, you can tell that we have a very fine system,
13 and so I am relieved now in hearing what has been said
14 today because when I heard of the meeting, I thought,
15 oh, the State Board of Education members would like to
16 be here because they would have a great stake in this;
17 but it does seem that you have had these advantages of
18 our State pointed out and, as Mr. Raver said, that we
19 may have more to lose than to gain and I would certainly
20 want to point out the fact that I am not one not to want
21 to rock the boat, if rocking the boat is a good idea.