

1 and asked him to designate which items in the public school
2 budget were mandatory under the existing laws, and I got
3 a letter back and these M's here, and there have been a
4 couple added, but in every case where a mandatory item went
5 in, I asked the Attorney General's opinion whether it was
6 mandatory or not, and where you see an M in the summary of
7 the budget, they are items that are mandatory and the other
8 items we have jurisdiction over, and Tom never did get over
9 that, as far as he and I were concerned in our personal
10 relationship, but that is neither here nor there.

11 So, I would say that that sentence in there causes
12 no pain, I don't believe.

13 MR. SLICHER: I think the question you have is
14 whether it is necessary to be in the Constitution or whether
15 just an ordinary law wouldn't cover it.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: That's right.

17 MR. SLICHER: This is the way I feel about it.
18 I don't think it is necessary that it be in the Constitution.

19 MR. RENNIE: I'll go along with this, as long as
20 we have -- if it's a law establishing a formula passed by
21 the legislature, then I would say too that it does not