

1 this provision is pretty meaningless now.

2 MR. DONAHO: This is the annual time in which
3 the legislature has the chance to review all of its
4 programs and say this is how much we want to spend on them.
5 This gets back to Lauber's point on including the amount of
6 the appropriation in a substantive bill, which is generally
7 frowned upon because they don't get a chance to look at
8 the entire dollar requirement at one time, and the Feds,
9 you can't put -- you can put an authorization amount in
10 the substantive bill, but you can't put an appropriation
11 in a substantive bill. You merely put an authorization in
12 there. When they decide -- I can take you to the Corps of
13 Engineers and show you all kinds of projects dating back
14 to 1920, which they laughed at and with great glee, the
15 President signed the bill saying, they will never get a
16 nickel of that one, and they never have.

17 When the legislature meets, it seems to me they
18 have an authority then and an inherent authority, as a
19 matter of fact, to review the school budget requirements
20 and say, I don't think we ought to give them this much.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: But then the law says they shall.