

1 Mind that bonds weren't issued at that time
2 for capital improvements as we know them today. They were
3 issued to turn over to the railroads and the canals and
4 by them sold on the open market. I suppose that a fifteen-
5 year debt, looking at it from that standpoint was pretty
6 long, but when we came along to the modern era of
7 financing, bankers and investment people decided that the
8 way to determine the maturity of a bond issue should be,
9 give it some relation to the capital asset that was
10 built as a result of the issuance of that bond issue.
11 We chose twenty-five. It is a judgment figure, simply
12 because we were told that it was a safe figure, and will
13 give the State about a hundred per cent more flexibility
14 in its financing.

15 MR. CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, then I read the
16 words in Line 15, All State indebtedness to be restricted
17 to State indebtedness and would not be applicable to
18 indebtedness of municipalities or other local subdivisions.

19 MR. CASE: That is correct, not only that,
20 but it would not be applicable to any obligation which
21 did not carry the magic words.