

1                   Now, this quite obviously, the question was  
2 before our Committee, whether or not this should be  
3 changed. It was argued on the one hand that to leave it  
4 as we found it would, in effect, recognize a fourth  
5 branch of the State Government, because it would equate  
6 it with the Judiciary and the Legislative as far as the  
7 Executive budget was concerned. On the other hand, it  
8 was argued with a great deal of heat, and some light, though  
9 not as much light as heat, that this provision was the  
10 bulwark of the State's independent educational system and  
11 that it was the one thing which kept politics out of the  
12 school system. It prevented the Legislature from play-  
13 ing politics with the school system. It was the one  
14 shining crown in the firmament of our educational laws  
15 which was known throughout the length and breadth of  
16 this country, and to tamper with it would be great heresy  
17 indeed.

18                   Actually, our Committee decided that the pro-  
19 tection afforded is a protection really of one year,  
20 because the General Assembly can always change the laws  
21 upon which these budgets are based, so that what you are