

1 great groups filled with fervor for education, but I  
2 differ with him. I am boring from within. I would  
3 like to state in answer to Mr. Scanlan that you have 24  
4 local school systems, local in quotation marks. They say  
5 they are local, but they are greatly dependent upon  
6 State financing. If you did not have such a provision  
7 and anyone got angry about something happening on the  
8 local level, that portion of the State delegation would  
9 then say, Let's cut it, especially since the schools  
10 are, I think, the biggest spender. In expenditures,  
11 the schools spend the most, and they would be most  
12 vulnerable to cuts where there is such a need for it.

13       Secondly, State aid also implies State stan-  
14 dards, which means that we are raising certain of our  
15 Counties to a level which the children should get, but  
16 which they may not get if you did not have these mandated  
17 provisions.

18       THE CHAIRMAN: Any further question or comment?

19       Mr. Sykes?

20       MR. SYKES: Would the expenditures for teachers'  
21 retirement system which are now among the mandated items