

1 courts and at that time the Legislature in its infinite
2 wisdom may wish to include private schools within the
3 particular financing scheme that we have here, and it
4 seems to me that the use of the word, public, would pre-
5 vent this, and I don't think we are ready to make that
6 judgment now.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sykes?

8 MR. SYKES: I would like to know whether you
9 are actually correct in your statement of the effect of
10 this provision. As I read the provision, it deals only
11 with the very limited question of whether the Governor
12 has any revisory power over the budget, and I would assume
13 that the reason why the Governor is to have no power over
14 the public school system is that it is a public system
15 and should be kept as free of political influence as pos-
16 sible. There is nothing in this language as I read it
17 that would prevent the Legislature, by the normal process,
18 prevent the State by the normal process, from aiding
19 private schools, but the question is whether there should
20 be a distinction made as between public and private schools
21 as to how far the Governor as governor is to be hamstrung.