

1 beginning on Page 16 of the Report in the commentary  
2 accompanying the proposed language. We mean the Legis-  
3 lature would have the authority to implement the consti-  
4 tutional provision which says the Regents shall have  
5 exclusive general supervision of the institution and  
6 control and direction of all expenditures, that the  
7 Legislature shall have power to implement this by legis-  
8 lation, and we can see that the legislation would be along  
9 the lines of the present Autonomy Act which gives the  
10 University independence of State departments but requires  
11 possible audit, which requires that several employees be  
12 within the merit system and various other restrictions  
13 of that kind. Now, there is one -- the amendment to the  
14 Autonomy Act, and it is called properly the Autonomy Act  
15 which was passed, I believe in 1964 pertaining to the  
16 Catonsville campus of the University is what we feel would  
17 be abrogated by this provision.

18 In 1964 the Legislature passed an amendment to  
19 the Autonomy Act so that purchases made for the University  
20 are made through the State purchasing department. If  
21 this Section 3 were in the Constitution, it is our opinion