

1 that the institution is one of the most important within  
2 the State and that the recognition of the University of  
3 Maryland in the Constitution might be a forward step  
4 toward a unified system of higher education, which we now  
5 do not have.

6 The provisions we suggest regarding the number  
7 of the Board of Regents and the appointment of them does  
8 not depart from the present practice under statute, I  
9 believe that is correct, Mr. Case. The present number  
10 of the Board of Regents is 11. We felt that that number  
11 should not be decreased, but that the Legislature might  
12 provide for increase, particularly keeping in mind that the  
13 number of regents might be increased as some other of the  
14 State institutions of higher education were merged with  
15 the State University system.

16 We feel that the provision that the Board of  
17 Regents will have control and direction of all expenditures  
18 from the institution's funds is inadequate. That statement  
19 would be inadequate protection of the autonomy of the  
20 University, and a very simple way to do it, and at the  
21 same time keep in mind that the Legislature would still