

1 there for the local school systems. We can't afford to  
2 place them in jeopardy of not having the funds which were  
3 appropriated by the State for them.

4 THE CHAIRLADY: You say in your experience,  
5 as a practical matter, there has actually been no invasion?

6 DR. ZIMMERMAN: That's correct, we've had no  
7 invasion.

8 THE CHAIRLADY: A number of other states seem  
9 to have provisions similar to the current provisions in  
10 the Maryland Constitution. Do you know of any modern  
11 incidents in any other states where this --

12 DR. ZIMMERMAN: We did have an attempt to  
13 take out the section which has to do with the protection  
14 of the mandated items, some fifteen or eighteen years  
15 ago. There was a bill introduced --

16 MR. ENEY: To take it out of the budget.

17 DR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, there was an attempt to  
18 take it out, so that the mandated items would not then  
19 have been free from decrease and, of course, this died  
20 very fast, before it got started.

21 I think we can say through the years