

trol. I think that most people would agree that there should be no more than 20 principal executive heads that can be the source of my contact in the government.

Q. The purpose of this Commission is to confirm that?

A. The purpose of the Commission is to suggest ways of implementing it and I guess to separate the highly controversial portions from those that are generally agreed upon, so that we can achieve by way of constitutional amendment what we were not able to achieve by way of a unified instrument.

Q. Then this is aimed at eventual constitutional amendment rather than at simple legislative change?

A. It can be both. It can be statutory change if that can do it. It can be constitutional amendment.

Q. Governor, isn't the Task Force on Modern Management studying this very same problem — reorganization and streamlining of the executive branch?

A. Yes; yes it is to a degree. Now I can separate to some extent what the Task Force is doing by saying that many of the things that they are going to be responsible for implementing don't even require legislation. They can be done by administrative directive. Whereas what this Committee will be going into will be mainly handled through legislative or constitutional change. And you know that the Legislature already has functioning a 30-man Constitutional Revision Committee — this Curlett group will work through that Committee as far as constitutional reform is concerned but will restrict itself to an examination of the executive branch.

(State Expenditures)

Q. Governor, can you tell us specifically what significant cuts in spending have been made as a result of the revenue shortage?

A. I can't tell you today. I know that many cuts are being implemented, but I haven't had a report in depth from Mr. Slicher as yet. I should have this information for you within a week or two.

Q. Will any of those cuts, Governor, result in a reduction of the work force of the State?

A. Well, certainly to the degree that positions that are not filled, at the present time will not be filled — the normal attrition, the drop-off, vacancies, that sort of thing. And possibly as we get into the efficiency study that the McIntyre Committee is going to do, even more so.