

1 on to say, " -- that it is advisable to give the Legislature
2 the power to initiate appropriations for objects for which
3 the Governor has made no estimates. The Commission feels,
4 however, that it is necessary to prevent the recurrence
5 of deficits in the finances of the State, and to fix
6 the responsibility for any derangement of the financial
7 plans of the Governor. It has accordingly framed the
8 proposed constitutional amendment in such a way as to permit
9 the Legislature by a three-fifths vote, and subject to the
10 usual provisions with regard to the approval of the Governor,
11 to appropriate money for a purpose not included in the
12 Governor's estimates, on the condition that provision is
13 made in the act of appropriation for the levy of a tax
14 sufficient in the amount to defray the expenses necessitated
15 by such act of appropriation."

16 I submit, ladies and gentlemen, that what we
17 are doing here is to permit the General Assembly to use
18 revenues that are available to it when it reduces an item
19 in the budget to transfer those revenues to another program
20 if in its judgment it feels that the best interests of the
21 state would be served by making that transfer.