

1 Governor had immediately previously been either Comp-
2 troller or Attorney General, and I have heard you comment
3 that you think this is good proving ground, I think was
4 the term you used, for a man to be governor.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That is right. No question
6 about that. The fact you had experience in the Executive
7 Branch or Legal Branch of government, in the Finances,
8 you get a knowledge you can't find anywhere except actually
9 working with it each and every day. I know from the ex-
10 perience I had, 16 years in the Legislature, and during
11 that 16 years, I saw the State budget grow from roughly
12 around \$38 million or \$39 million to a budget of roughly
13 \$450 million, and having had the experience as a floor
14 leader and Chairman of the Finance Committee and having
15 been part of the income tax law, part of the sales tax
16 law, that your good friend and my good friend, Dick Case,
17 wrote, it certainly has made my job much easier as
18 State Comptroller, having the knowledge of these differ-
19 ent divisions and department heads. I believe Mr. Nossel
20 will tell you we have a better working relationship with
21 every department of government today, budget, Treasury,