

1 Mayor has no authority. He may have authority, but nobody,
2 I mean my department heads, for example, the department
3 heads wouldn't pay any attention to him. I mean, there
4 wouldn't be anything that they would do until they got in
5 touch with the Mayor, so the man who acts as Mayor very
6 seldom comes into the office, as a matter of fact. If
7 you want him, you call him in his law office, or wherever
8 he is, so he is never there, even in the absence of the
9 Mayor. He may come in sometimes and have his picture
10 taken, and that's all.

11 MR. BOND: He had a reception.

12 MAYOR MCKELDIN: I beg your pardon?

13 MR. BOND: He had a reception.

14 MAYOR MCKELDIN: He had a reception, that's
15 when I was away, he had a reception and they had it in
16 my office.

17 MR. SAYRE: You don't believe that succession
18 due to death or disability would be more desirable from a
19 Statewide elected official rather than from one like the
20 President of the Senate?

21 MAYOR MCKELDIN: It is the same thing, you see,