

1 Should the Governor take office sooner than
2 the fourth Wednesday in January so that he can assume res-
3 ponsibility for the budget preparation for the next
4 legislative session?

5 He does, anyhow. He has got to do it. The
6 election is in November, and it might be that he needs,
7 after a hard campaign, a brief rest, but I think the ex-
8 perience that has been expressed by Governor Tawes and
9 also by Mayor McKeldin, that has been our history, and I
10 see no need to change that, to advance it.

11 I don't think we are taking any risks when I
12 recollect the time I started on the preparation of the
13 budget and the accommodation that was given to me in order
14 to get a difficult and a torturous task done, and in ad-
15 dition to that, he has got to see a lot of people who at
16 times demand to see him, no matter what the subject of the
17 discussion might be.

18 I don't think that the time of the Governor
19 going into office should be changed. As you may recall,
20 when I ran in 1946, Governor O'Connor was elected to the
21 Senate, and he had to go to swear in in the Senate at the