

1 DELEGATE MANDEL: I would.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: But to fifteen days?

3 DELEGATE MANDEL: Yes.

4 MR. ENEY: Is there any reason why you
5 couldn't say the budget has to be passed in 30 days or
6 45 days or some relative short time?

7 DELEGATE MANDEL: You haven't got time to
8 look at it. We're dealing with an executive budget,
9 the Governor's budget. The first look the legislature
10 gets at that budget is the day it is presented to it.
11 That is the only time the legislature gets a look at
12 the Governor's budget. This is the Governor's budget,
13 not the legislature's. So, we have no part in the
14 makeup of the budget. The first look we get at it is
15 from the Governor when the legislature goes into session.

16 So, I think you have to have a sufficient
17 period of time for the legislature to take a look at
18 the budget.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Let's get some comments from
20 the other members of the State Legislature. Mr. Kircher?

21 DELEGATE KIRCHER: Dr. Bard, I wonder why it