

1 Attorney General's opinion, but you put out the fire as  
2 quickly as you can and you always remember this thing  
3 having happened, and I just went over, in the last couple  
4 of days, all of Paul Hammond's Attorney General's opinions  
5 on the budget and the sanctity of the executive budget which  
6 I think he held up and protected on almost every occasion,  
7 in every one of his opinions, particularly on Article 52.

8 I guess at that time, oh, possibly fifteen  
9 different attempts were made to get opinions loosening up  
10 Section 52, but none of them have ever prevailed under the  
11 Attorney General's opinion, and you have access to all of  
12 this through your research people.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, now, Jim, let's start with  
14 the premise that the executive control type budget is the  
15 desirable thing and let's trace it through. As I under-  
16 stand it, the executive, through your department, makes up  
17 the budget, that is to say, your office holds hearings with  
18 all of the State agencies. Your budget analysts go through  
19 their records and so on and so forth, and you come up with  
20 a figure which in your judgment is something to be sub-  
21 mitted to the Governor. The Governor --