

1 Hammond's opinions. If we don't agree with these
2 estimates, and we do disagree with them from time to time,
3 we have to stick to the formula for the amount under the
4 population estimate, but I believe we could reduce their
5 request if we didn't agree with their population estimates
6 and so stated.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: I didn't realize that.

8 MR. RENNIE: This is one of the --

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Because that does give you, in
10 fact, the power to change their budget. When the State
11 Board of Education submits a budget, it has those population
12 figures in there. They are the multipliers, really --

13 MR. RENNIE: That's right. They are very
14 particular. They have been caught a couple of times
15 being conservative, and they are very particular on this,
16 and I would say for all practical purposes that is a manda-
17 tory item. We haven't had occasion to change their popula-
18 tion estimates --

19 MR. SLICHER: Their Statistical Department
20 does a pretty good job on these estimates, and because of
21 our limited ability time-wise to get figures of this type,