

1 salaries were exempted at that time or not from that cut,
2 or the Board of Public Works.

3 MR. HOFF: They took a ten per cent reduction.

4 MR. RENNIE: The schoolteachers did?

5 MR. HOFF: Yes.

6 MR. RENNIE: Along with the State employees?

7 MR. HOFF: Yes.

8 MR. RENNIE: If this didn't prevent that happen-
9 ing, -- well, this simply refers to the budget itself, the
10 initial presentation of the budget. I'll put it this way,
11 Dick. I think the Department of Education would get the
12 same budget under the mandatory items in the law, with that
13 in or out of the Constitution, if that will answer your
14 question.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: What you are saying is that it
16 is surplusage?

17 MR. RENNIE: Yes.

18 MR. SACHS: Is there anything besides surplusage
19 that is wrong with it? Does it hamper you or impede you
20 in any other way by being in the Constitution, or do you
21 think it affects the State adversely?