

1 the most powerful single individual in the State Government
2 because of the money, what he does, next to the Governor,
3 of course, and that if the Budget Director would have a
4 falling out with the Governor and cross swords with him,
5 then the administrative programs of the Governor could
6 seriously be hampered. In other words, there should be
7 complete and close coordination between the Governor and
8 the Budget Office.

9 Now, in matter of practice, I would say in my
10 experience, going back to 1947, in dealing with State
11 fiscal matters, that this certainly has always been true
12 anyway in this State. I mean, I can recall when Mr. Rennie
13 came in, it was under Governor Lane -- wasn't it?

14 MR. RENNIE: Yes.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: He certainly faithfully followed
16 the programs of Governor Lane and later Governor McKeldin
17 who beat Governor Lane about as badly as anybody has been
18 beaten in this State for Governor, and he followed faithfully
19 the program that Governor McKeldin wanted; but, I believe,
20 Jim, if you had been a different kind of person and wanted
21 to throw a monkey wrench in the thing or a road block, you