

1 or somebody in your position, let's put it that way, could
2 do it.

3 Now, what comments do you have on that?

4 MR. RENNIE: Dick, I don't think it is physically
5 possible because, if you read the law, the law says that
6 I should prepare a budget for the Governor, this is the
7 budget law, and give it to him. I am through then, if that
8 were literally carried out and he could take that budget.
9 He doesn't have to take my budget. He could change that
10 budget in any way he wants to, cut it, increase it. It is
11 his budget going to the legislature.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, that is true, that is what
13 the law says, but as a practical matter, you and I both
14 know that the Governor is going to rely on you and on your
15 expertise and --

16 MR. RENNIE: But he is not bound by it.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: No, he is not bound by it,
18 I quite agree with that.

19 MR. RENNIE: Well, let me -- I've got half a
20 dozen thoughts going through my head. I try to keep them
21 in line. I cite the Baltimore City example. Mr. Benton,