

1 I think purely because of Walter Kirkman, an individual
2 who had experience in both fields. He was ex officio
3 purchasing agent under Governor Ritchie and official
4 Budget Director of the State, and those things were thrown
5 together because Kirkman was there to run both of them.
6 It was just that incidental, but it doesn't necessarily
7 belong there. However, it has worked out very well to have
8 it there. If in purchasing, if we could have the same --
9 well, we get the same information from them now.

10 MR. SLICHER: You might get the same information,
11 but under one head, you are assured of getting it. There
12 would be no conflict. Many requisitions go to the Purchas-
13 ing Bureau for large items. Before they would begin to
14 process this, the first thing they would do is shoot it
15 back to the budget analyst to make sure that that item or
16 items were actually included in the budget and that they
17 were not buying something other than what they said they
18 needed originally. This is where your conflict comes in.
19 The closeness really works out very well.

20 MR. RENNIE: And the Purchasing Bureau could do
21 this, anyway, but we do have more direct control on it.