

1 Cooper Hughes Bill passed. It might have by attrition
2 and public opinion building up so badly that somebody just
3 had to give in, but as Jim says, the passage of the bill
4 was deliberately held back to kill off, in this instance,
5 the Cooper Hughes Bill, and who was it done by?

6 MR. BOND: Have I hit the point that was
7 discussed the other night?

8 MR. BROOKS: That's right. I might make two
9 points. Bearing out what Mr. Slicher said, Speaker Mandel
10 has read into a hearing record that at the last session of
11 the legislature, they could have easily expedited the
12 presentation of the budget by ten days or two weeks. The
13 second thing I would like to pursue; I gather, Mr. Rennie,
14 there is nothing really inherently challenging by the
15 Mandel Amendment to the executive control and the executive
16 budget itself, insofar as it goes. It is only insofar as
17 it paves the way or encourages other amendments, that it
18 would jeopardize --

19 MR. RENNIE: That's right. I thought I stated
20 that as clearly as I could. Well, the Governor signed it.
21 So, again, it is his --