

1 MR. BOND: Thank you very much. One more
2 question.

3 MR. RENNIE: Let me put one more thought in.
4 This provision in here might hinder some good legislation,
5 but it stops an awful lot of bad legislation, believe me,

6 MR. BOND: Well, it's very important for us to
7 hear this, I feel. Can we do away with Sub-Section 12,
8 which calls for a public hearing by the Governor on the
9 budget items before the budget is presented?

10 MR. RENNIE: Well, this was done, in my
11 experience, once. Herbert O'Connor during his term, and
12 I believe -- no, it wasn't the budget. At one time he
13 had public hearings in the House Chamber in Annapolis on
14 the budget and invited the department heads down there to
15 explain the budgets and invited the general public to
16 attend those hearings.

17 As far as the general public was concerned, there
18 was so little interest in it, that it has never been done
19 since.

20 DR. JENKINS: He would still have the freedom
21 to do this, if this section weren't in here.