

1 concerned, following the question to its conclusion, we
2 have had very little difficulty with the legislature. As
3 a matter of fact they try to keep theirs as low as they can
4 and then finagle, if they need some more money for something,
5 rather than go in with too large a budget.

6 MR. BROOKS: Who prepares their budget?

7 MR. SLICHER: It is done by the speaker and
8 President.

9 MR. BROOKS: They literally prepare it themselves?

10 MR. RENNIE: And they do sit down with us.

11 MR. SLICHER: They go over it with us.

12 MR. RENNIE: We do the spadework for them. We
13 print up the budget request sheets from the departments,
14 and we have so many copies of them. We have to have
15 extra copies when they come in and, when they come in,
16 Dr. Cooper, of Official Research, and our printing man,
17 and a man from the Budget Bureau are there and we sit
18 down and go over their budget item for item, and I will
19 say, is this all right? Do you want to change this?

20 Of course, the salaries are set by law, mileage
21 is set by law. There are only certain items in there,