

1 which requires consideration of the budget first; but do
2 you mean what it seems to imply, namely that the legislature
3 can amend upwards as well as reduce the Governor's budget?

4 MR. LAUBER: Yes. I think it would be beneficial
5 to have a provision that any increases in the budget be
6 separately stated and subject to independent veto by the
7 Governor, but I would see nothing wrong with this.

8 For example, suppose the Governor put in a budget
9 and the legislature wanted to increase State aid for
10 education and they were willing to give up the highway
11 program to do it. I see nothing wrong with them cutting
12 out the highway program and increasing the State aid to
13 education, passing a law implement.

14 One other technical thing, and I may not have all
15 my facts straight on this; I understand that money is
16 carried in the budget in Maryland even for special bills.
17 In other words, if a special bill is passed incurring an
18 expenditure that the appropriation is not usually in the
19 bill because of the requirement that the bill must also
20 carry a revenue to be carried into effect. In my days of
21 coordinating legislation for the New York Budget Office, I