

1 answered me in a way I've never forgotten. He said, look,
2 I'm in Public Health and I'm an advocate for Public Health,
3 just as you are for education. He said, I think it's my
4 job to sell Public Health. I've got to have fifteen or
5 twenty programs ready to go at any time because I am
6 convinced that these are the most important programs we
7 are to have. He said, somebody has to decide when we can
8 spend it for Public Health, when it should go for education,
9 when it should go for highways. He said, this is the
10 Governor's job. This is the executive function.

11 He wasn't talking about me individually. He was
12 talking about the Budget Office as an organization, and
13 I have never forgotten this because I think it was an
14 explanation which I have carried with me ever since. If
15 you think of this as the executive function of the Governor
16 and not as a separate accounting arm, I think this is very
17 appropriate to have this responsibility placed there.

18 DR. JENKINS: Finally, I am sure you have
19 mentioned this matter of administration not as a State --
20 for example, not as a constitutional provision, but as sort
21 of background, perhaps with this new Commission and