

1 I have seen the Governor in New York veto many, many  
2 appropriation bills on the statement that no funds were  
3 available for this. It just was impossible. <sup>the</sup> On/other  
4 hand, we had a system in New York where we used to estimate  
5 in our budget every year how much would be appropriated  
6 in special bills. We used to put in twelve, thirteen  
7 million dollars, depending on our best estimate of what was  
8 necessary.

9 The legislature would pass these. The Governor  
10 would pick the ones he thought were worth it and, when he  
11 got to the end of the money, he just vetoed all the others.  
12 It was a question of priority. I think it can be handled.  
13 I think it does, as you indicated, give the legislature  
14 more say, and my experience in New York, I'm not as  
15 familiar with Maryland, is that the legislature there does  
16 not have sufficient authority to carry out its responsibil-  
17 ties.

18 In the last analysis, the legislature is  
19 responsible for authorizing the expenditure of public funds,  
20 and I think it has to have some authority to carry that  
21 out.