

1 tenet for a balanced budget. People are always saying
2 to me, we have a balanced budget in Maryland. It must
3 be part of the law.

4 MR. BOND: This is not specifically the language.

5 MR. DONAHO: That's right. It's been there so
6 long, people think it's in there. When I came to the State
7 in 1952, I was surprised people never read the Constitution.
8 The Constitution always says there should be twenty-one
9 departments and no more, and a few other things. I found
10 out the Attorney General's office hardly ever read the
11 Constitution. So, I think it's worthwhile being very
12 explicit.

13 MR. BOND: Mr. Donaho, just one minute. I'm not
14 as dumb as I thought. It does say that the Governor --
15 the budget shall contain a complete plan of proposed
16 expenditures and estimated revenues for said fiscal year
17 and shall show the estimated surplus or deficit of revenues
18 at the end of the preceding fiscal year.

19 How would you clarify that line?

20 MR. DONAHO: The budget must be balanced as to
21 revenues and expenditures.