

1 Our Committee considered the matter and con-
2 cluded that the Judiciary should be able to prepare its
3 own budget and to have it submitted to the Legislature
4 without the Executive changing it, being of course, sub-
5 ject to being cut by the Legislature whenever it was
6 deemed proper. We are not convinced as to the necessity
7 of including this particular language in the Article on
8 the Judiciary. It might better be included in the Section
9 of the budget.

10 However, we do feel that the idea is important
11 and should be included either in this Article or in the
12 Section on the budget.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bond?

14 MR. BOND: The Committee on Finance and Taxa-
15 tion did consider the question at a meeting last week.
16 Dr. Jenkins and Senator Hoff and myself and Mr. Case
17 were present. We did come to a definite conclusion that
18 the salaries of the judges should not be subject to any
19 change, but it was Mr. Case's view, concurred in by the
20 Committee, that some of the administrative expenses of
21 the courts should be subject to scrutiny of the Governor.