

1 the program type budget, which is what we have today.  
2 The program budget establishes amounts for programs  
3 and then leaves the breaking down into the myriad of  
4 items to the various departments involved, so that is the  
5 basic picture. Prior to 1916 a piecemeal hit or miss  
6 method of controlling the expenditures of State funds;  
7 after 1916, and as a result of the commission, a strong  
8 executive budget written into the Constitution as the  
9 people's safeguard as to how their money is to be spent;  
10 the recognition that this was a good piece of work by  
11 experts in the field; a further amendment in the early  
12 Fifties converting the line item budget to the program  
13 type budget.

14 This, then, was the situation as we found it  
15 in the beginning of our consideration of the subject in  
16 the early summer, and this Committee has held a number  
17 of public hearings on this particular item, one of which  
18 lasted all day, the transcript of these hearings running  
19 into several hundreds of pages. We have interviewed the  
20 people that we felt were best able to assist us in deter-  
21 mining what, if anything, could be done to improve the