

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Haile?

2 MR. HAILE: I would like to ask this question:
3 After the Legislature reduces an item in the budget, I
4 assume that means that then the Executive branch deter-
5 mines at a later date what part of that program they will
6 have to eliminate, and the Legislature cannot specify
7 what part of the program they intended to have eliminated?

8 MR. CASE: That is essentially correct. There
9 are so many dollars to do the program. You have got to
10 do the best you can with them.

11 MR. HAILE: So the Legislature cuts the lump
12 sum, and then the Executive --

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Decides whether it is pencils or
14 people.

15 MR. HAILE: That is the way it is in Baltimore
16 County. I wish there were some clearer way to make that
17 expressed in here?

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further questions?

19 DR. BURDETTE: Are you now saying that the
20 Legislature can simply say, This thing has to be cut, by
21 a hundred thousand dollars, and the Governor can figure