

1 as herein provided, except to strike out or reduce items
2 therein, you have got a different meaning.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: You are not getting through to
4 me. Did you follow him, Mr. Case?

5 MR. CASE: No, sir.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Do it again.

7 MR. CLAGETT: If you read this sentence, the
8 General Assembly shall not alter the budget bill, except
9 as herein provided, except to strike out or reduce items
10 therein, it means that you can strike out or reduce the
11 items which would, in effect, be an amending. I am
12 transposing a sentence.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: You can strike out or reduce
14 the items. That is the whole point of it.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gentry?

16 MR. GENTRY: I think it is awkward because
17 of the two exceptions. I see what Hal is driving at.
18 Maybe this would work, except as provided here in the
19 General Assembly may alter the budget bill only by strik-
20 ing out or reducing items therein.

21 MR. CLAGETT: Exactly.