

1 They can only delete. They can only decrease. They can-
2 not under any circumstances increase the budget, even
3 though a grave emergency or a long emergency of some years
4 duration may be confronting the State. After all, the
5 power of the purse is probably the most important, and it
6 is being eroded away by the type of proposals that the
7 Finance Committee has come in with. This is especially
8 one of the worst. This is an affront to representative
9 government. You pass it within time or it becomes law.
10 The analogy of the reapportionment law doesn't hold at
11 all. That comes up every ten years. That involves a
12 situation where, in effect, you are asking the Legislature
13 to sit in judgment on itself. I don't think it furnishes
14 any precedent for what Mr. Case himself, very candidly,
15 labels an innovation, for which there is no precedent in
16 any State Constitution, whatever may be the case of the
17 Baltimore Charter. On those grounds I move the adoption
18 of the amendment.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion?

20 Mr. Sayre?

21 MR. SAYRE: My original thinking about three