

1 Section 7, except the last clause, the Governor or such
2 other person as he designates shall have the right to
3 appear for the purpose of discussing the budget bill,
4 et cetera.

5 MR. SYKES: I want to state the reason for the
6 amendment. I believe that the power of the Governor or
7 the people he designated to appear before the Legislature
8 and explain an item of the budget is an important power
9 to preserve explicitly. The first part of the existing
10 language can cause trouble in my judgment, and is really
11 unnecessary. The Legislature has ample power to cut
12 appropriations and if the Executive Department doesn't
13 cooperate with the Legislature, the Legislature has a very
14 adequate weapon and more than likely the Executive, if
15 interested in getting the budget passed, will accept in-
16 vitations from the Legislature to come down and testify.

17 However, when you go beyond the power of the
18 Legislature to cut the budget as a sanction and you make
19 it a positive duty on the part of anybody in the Executive
20 Department and maybe even the Governor under this language
21 to appear and be heard with respect to any budget bill,