

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sykes?

2 MR. SYKES: To what extent does the power of  
3 the Governor to fund supplemental appropriations  
4 by increased revenue estimates impair the protection  
5 built into the requirement that there be no deficit finan-  
6 cing?

7 MR. CASE: Well, there isn't any deficit if he  
8 comes up with an estimate that covers the appropriation.  
9 There is no budget deficit. There may eventually be  
10 a cash deficit, but actually even in its worst times,  
11 Maryland has been cash rich. It has had a tremendous  
12 amount of cash balances.

13 MR. SYKES: You don't see this as a problem?

14 MR. CASE: No.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gentry?

16 MR. GENTRY: If we have as now proposed a  
17 Section in the Legislative Article, Section 15, which  
18 reads, No bill shall become law unless passed in each  
19 house by a majority of the members and on its passage the  
20 yea and nay votes --

21 THE CHAIRMAN: May I interrupt you? Mr. Case