

1 that Mr. Brooks mentioned. Dr. Burdette?

2 DR. BURDETTE: I remind you that last night  
3 Governor Lane was speaking of the value of the new terms  
4 beginning simultaneously, and while I have no experience  
5 with this, I would like to point out to Dr. Bard that  
6 here is an inconsistency in the Constitution with  
7 regular practice. It is my understanding, and please  
8 correct me, that the members of the Legislature do not  
9 take office upon their election, although this section  
10 of the Constitution says so. I ran into it when we were  
11 doing a study of the Legislature for publication, and I  
12 called Dr. Everstein about it, and he said, Gosh, I  
13 didn't know the Constitution was doing this. It does  
14 seem awkward because from the day of the election, you  
15 don't know who is in the Legislature. You have the pos-  
16 sibility of contest. You need a little time from the  
17 election to get certification, recounts, contests and so  
18 on, I should think.

19 MR. CASE: As a matter of fact, Governor Lane  
20 can correct me if I am wrong about this, but it is my  
21 distinct recollection that in 1946 Governor O'Conor.