

1 telling everybody, see Jim Rennie, he's the Budget Director
2 and I had to stop him. I went to Governor McKeldin and I
3 told him, Governor, the situation is different here, than
4 it is in Baltimore. You are the Executive Budget Head
5 of this State and, I said, I don't want this situation
6 created as it has been in Baltimore City under Herb Fallon,
7 that Herb Fallon is the supreme budget authority in the City,
8 which he was not, but, I said, I certainly don't want that
9 kind of image built around me in the State, and McKeldin,
10 he saw the wisdom of this, too, and he stopped it, and I
11 have never kept anyone away from the Governor and I have
12 had this understanding with governors. If they are dis-
13 satisfied with my decision, my department's decisions, if
14 they want to go see the Governor over my head, they are
15 always free to do it.

16 MR. BOND: Can they do it?

17 MR. RENNIE: I've told them all during the years
18 that --

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Bearing in mind that this has
20 nothing to do with your running the office, because I join
21 with everyone else in saying you've done a tremendous job,