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2 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Is there a  
3 possibility that after the census comes out, that  
4 there is no need to redistrict, supposing --

5 THE CHAIRMAN: No, it's impossible.

6 MR. MAURO: In New York City probably, it's  
7 possible, because --

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANE: Theoretically,  
9 it's possible, but it's impossible, practically.

10 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Okay.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANE: Turning now to  
12 216, what we provide for here is that -- this is  
13 the section which provides for the salary of the  
14 Council members. Council members other than  
15 Council members who have positions of  
16 responsibility in the Council, also are entitled  
17 because -- for the exercise of that responsibility  
18 for -- to receive some additional compensation,  
19 and what we are saying here is, that that  
20 additional compensation has to be determined by a  
21 resolution of the legislative body, as a whole, so  
22 it's a public process where everybody knows that X  
23 is getting a certain amount.

24 That's what B is about, and all Section 27  
25 does is one small point. It says, at the end of a

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2 four-year term, you have an election day in  
3 November, so you have a lame duck part of a  
4 legislative body from November through December of  
5 that year, and then the new legislative body  
6 takes over on January 1st, and all we are  
7 providing for here is, that there cannot be an  
8 increase in salary during that lame duck period.  
9 So that when they do their salary increases, if  
10 they want to, they have to do it before an  
11 election so they'll be accountable in an  
12 election -- they can't do it in a lame duck  
13 period.

14 COMMISSIONER TRAGER: So, in the election,  
15 increase their salaries for that period or for the  
16 following --

17 THE CHAIRMAN: For the following.

18 COMMISSIONER TRAGER: Why is that --

19 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Well they can't do  
20 it --

21 MR. MAURO: No. The submission was by --  
22 the person who submitted it to the Commission was  
23 Senator Marchi, who suggested that the lame duck  
24 issue be addressed.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANE: And they were

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thinking of legislating it.

Okay. The change on 2-17 is only to reflect our land use discussion of yesterday, which says that since we have adopted the principle that the Council may not do zoning changes without the prior approval of the City Planning Commission, that they have to work in tandem, this is just the other side of that coin.

COMMISSIONER MOLLOY: But they can modify or --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANE: Well, we are working on that language as we discuss. We have not given you the language on that yet.

COMMISSIONER MOLLOY: They're not a rubber stamp.

THE CHAIRMAN: This is not prejudice the question, either.

COMMISSIONER MOLLOY: You know what I'm going to say before I say it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANE: Section 29 on 219 is, if you go up -- we don't have page and line numbers, unfortunately. 29-A1 and 2, up until you get to the words, "each unit of appropriation," are merely a reordering of the present powers in a