

fact that he has been elected by a Legislature that is primarily Democratic to embarrass the administration. He is too fine a public servant for this. He has indicated by his past performance that he is not only capable and qualified but certainly above political machination. I fully believe I'll be able to work with him very well.

Q. Mr. Agnew, this letter suggests that the reason he was withdrawing was because running for the office might cause a great problem in the Legislature, when, in fact, if you had the votes, wouldn't you insist on his running for the office?

A. Well, I don't have the votes, and what I would do if I had them would have to wait that determination. Since that's not feasible, I can't reach the question right at this moment.

Q. Mr. Agnew, have you put together yet and solidified a specific legislative program, a complete program?

A. We're in the process, Mr. DeFilippo, of putting together such a program, and we have certain ideas about what we hope to achieve during this first session. We've been reviewing my positions during the campaign and making a judgment as to what things can be implemented in this first legislative session or where the targets of implementation in this first session should be. Some of the things, of necessity, must await constitutional reform and executive reform before they can be achieved. For example, in these program coordinator posts that I'm in the process of naming at this time, having already named Mr. McCain and Mr. Cole, they will deal with the 204 State agencies of government in certain experimental groupings. The Task Force on Modern Management and the continuing study may change these groupings. In short, you could probably have 5 or 6 different groupings of agencies that would lend themselves to some logical consideration, but the best grouping will be a matter of experimentation.

Q. Governor Agnew, do you have any idea what you intend to submit in specific legislation, for example traffic safety and mass transit, this session?

A. Well, I will give you such an idea very soon after I take office, but I'm not ready to do so this morning.

Q. Mr. Agnew, you have appointed commissions now on taxation and the area of civil rights. Apparently you have made this your interest in seeking some legislative programs. Can we expect other committees in other areas of government endeavor?