

# Mandel to push own bill package

## Not preoccupied, he tells legislators

Gov. Marvin Mandel has told legislative leaders that he will be vindicated on federal corruption charges and says his indictment will not affect his ability to govern.

As the General Assembly convenes today for its 1976 session, Mandel told legislators in a private meeting Tuesday that he will push his legislative package and is not preoccupied with his indictment on charges of using his office on legislation favorable to a group of friends.

"The governor said his situation will not have anything to do with his program," said House Speaker John Hanson Briscoe, D-St. Marys.

"He said he is not going to tolerate anybody using his predicament politically. He said he intends to defend

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himself and time will show there's nothing to the indictment," Briscoe said.

The effect of Mandel's indictment has been a main topic in the days before the legislature convenes.

Some say opposition to Mandel will be muted because Democrats do not want to appear disloyal or risk Mandel's wrath if he is found innocent.

Others say that politicians will not want to become identified with Mandel and that the governor will not wield the clout he has in past sessions.

"He's the chief executive," Briscoe said. "His problems are personal. As far as we're concerned he's on top of things.

"He's got the budget set, his legislative program is responsible and reasonable, he's showing no signs of preoccupation with his predicament," he said.

A highlight of today's opening session is the release of a 10-month inquiry of alleged illegal spying by Baltimore police on citizens who were not suspects in criminal investigations.

One of the first items on the assembly's agenda is the reading into the record of the 1,103 pre-filed bills.

Also in the early days of the session, legislators will be asked to override a Mandel veto of a bill allowing the School Construction Agency to spend more money on renovation of school buildings.

## o vote on slips

Pearson contends that the new slips are needed by residents of the condominiums, and that an increased number of boats in the creek will not hinder navigation, while other creek residents and members of the Annapolls Waterfront Association claim only one-third of the condominium owners use the present 42 slips, and that more slips will congest and pollute the creek.

The wardens' decision is difficult to predict, because several members have changed since the 1971 controversy. The City Code is vague on the criteria for approving new slips or piers, saying only that they should be denied if they "render navigation too confined" or "materially increase pollution."

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in City Council chambers.