

being pressured into doing so by people standing over you looking over your shoulder. In short, I'm more for the idea of a secret ballot to determine who is to be represented by whom. The way I think the bill reads, I may not be able to sign it.

Q. Governor, if the death penalty bill is sent to you for signature, will you sign it?

A. Well, it's been changed around so much that I'm not sure what it's going to say when it gets to me. But if it substantially meets what I indicated earlier in the session I believe should be done, I'll sign it. But I want to look at it again because it's still in the process of being amended.

Q. Governor, the fact that each house has passed a bill, even though they do not agree on amendments, and it does not reach final enactment, would this be an inducement to commutation of death sentences?

A. Not the commutation of all sentences on a flat basis, because I have already voiced a great deal of concern about the existing law which allows fifteen-year paroles in the event of a life sentence, and there well may be some people who are presently under the death sentence who I would not like to see be able to become paroled within a fifteen-year period. I would have to look at them one at a time. It wouldn't be regarded by me, if it fails, as an invitation to blanket commutations.

Q. Governor, three bills of your administration submitted this year — the ombudsmen, the administrator of election laws, and the bulkier traffic safety program — were killed by the Legislature. Do you feel personally that the Legislature was derelict in killing these, especially the traffic safety legislation, since this must be enacted to set standards by next year?

A. Well, I don't feel that they were derelict in killing that particular measure, and, with regard to the other two measures, I don't feel a great amount of disappointment because they were very quickly thrown into the laps of the legislators. I think they are entitled to take a look at these measures over the coming year. I hope they will be reconsidered favorably in the next session. And again, with regard to the traffic safety measure — the automobile inspection measure — I think it is vitally needed. I did hear that it's entirely possible that it will still be timely if enacted at the next session, and if that's true we haven't lost a great deal by putting it off for a year.