

Q. Your first judgeship appointment is about to come up. Have you received any recommendations from bars or from the Baltimore City Bar Association?

A. Yes, I received recommendations from the Maryland Bar Association, the City Bar Association, the Municipal Bar and the Plaintiffs' Bar associations. The recommendations were submitted on the basis that this was to be a nonrotating assignment, to be a juvenile assignment — no, it was to be a rotating assignment, excuse me. Subsequent to that, the Supreme Bench met and decided it was to be a nonrotating assignment. In other words, it would be a juvenile assignment. When I heard that, I sent the list back and asked them to reconsider them in the light that it was a nonrotating assignment and either submit new lists or the same lists, but at least I would know that they were being submitted on the basis of the position to be filled, what was encompassed by the position to be filled. I haven't heard from them since then.

Q. Mayor McKeldin has indicated that he would like to saddle the 2½ percent tax on the City residents over and above the 5 percent top on the graduated State income tax. Are you disappointed in the fact that this may be an earnings tax?

A. It's not an earnings tax. I was rather surprised to see certain City councilmen indicating surprise about the enactment of the additional tax, which anybody that had any knowledge of the situation knew had to come to replace the earnings tax. This is a tax collected by the State, an income tax, subject to the deductions and exemptions that an income tax is subject to, and it is a surtax to be imposed by the subdivision, and naturally the City needs it because it won't have the earnings tax revenue. Everybody understood this, everybody on the committee, and I doubt if there are very many people in the City that didn't understand it.

Q. Governor, while we're on taxes, as you know a great many of the national legislators live in the Washington suburbs in Maryland, and I think there is a difference of opinion as to whether they can pay State taxes. What is your view?

A. My view is that if a Congressman is living in the Washington area as a matter of convenience to his constituents, he should not be subjected to the Maryland income tax.

Q. One State official, and maybe someone will help me recall exactly who it was, it may have been our Comptroller, takes a different view.