

suppose it's a legal point, but certainly I have no pride in the right to commute a sentence. Certainly, if the entire legislative body of the State of Maryland agreed that it should be done, I would be inclined to go along with their determination.

Q. Governor, Mr. Wolff indicated that he had held up preliminary work on the Harbor tunnel authorized in last year's bill, pending legislative action on the priorities bill. In view of this, I'm wondering how everyone has known all along the Harbor tunnel was first in priority?

A. Well, I don't know. I'm not familiar with Mr. Wolff's ordering the hold up on the Harbor tunnel acquisition. I'd have to find out what he had in mind when he made the order because, frankly, there's never been much doubt in my mind that the tunnel was of the greatest priority, the crossing or the tunnel, whichever one we got. This morning, that was reemphasized in my conversation with Mr. Wolff when he stated that the traffic projections taken from the increased use of the Kennedy Expressway indicated that the tunnel was absolutely essential, along with the observations of what's beginning to happen on weekends and holidays there, already.

Q. Governor, I noticed that some of the Republicans in the Senate voted against you when the matter of the Prince George's County Baby Jane Ritter bill came up to override your veto. In view of the individual replies, were you too unhappy about that?

A. Let me defer that just a minute while I go to Mr. Cottin a minute. One thing I think we've got to remember is that without any bill before the Legislature at all, the tunnel is there. That's a fait accompli mandated by the previous Legislature, so we've not stuck on construction. There's no need to put any bill through to empower the commission to go ahead with the tunnel.

Q. Now, as I understand it, Governor, the City lawmakers were concerned because, in your present bill, the tunnel provision was in the field in favor of priority.

A. Well, frankly, we had hoped very strongly to be able to possibly cause a reconsideration of the Harbor crossing, but since that appears to be in very bad shape at the moment, from my analysis, we're going to have to go ahead. Now, coming back to Baby Jane, I didn't know the real impetus behind the Baby Jane bill when I vetoed it. Maybe, if I had, I might have been tempted to exempt this particular young lady from the provisions that I vetoed. I see that several Republican