

Q. Governor, what do you plan to seek in the next session of the General Assembly? Are there any particular plans that you have? Are there any items you will be looking for for the next year?

A. Well, I haven't made any analysis of that. Right now I'm more concerned with looking over the bills that have been passed that are waiting my signature and making judgments on them. I think that there are some bills that passed in the final moments of the session that need to be carefully reviewed before they are signed, and I won't decide what's to be done about new programs until much later in the year.

Q. Have you any new ideas or have you heard anything more on the tax plan? Have you had any comments from around the state on the tax reform proposal?

A. I find there's a great lessening of resistance to the tax plan now that it seems to be better understood. I think the unanimity of both houses of the Legislature and the overwhelming mandate they gave in approval of the plan has put to rest much of the resistance to it.

Q. Is there anything in particular that you were disappointed in this legislative session as far as bills not going through as you hoped?

A. Whatever minor disappointments I may have had, have been so far overshadowed by a tremendous feeling of respect for the work that was done that they are insignificant.

Q. Governor, you said you were going to appoint a commission to study the death penalty situation. When will you appoint the commission?

A. I suppose that I would talk to Senator James and Mr. Mandel about the work of such a commission, and we would probably want to do something in this regard sometime within the next few months.

Q. With regard to commutations, in an earlier press conference you said that the death penalty would rarely be invoked. Now there are twenty-one people.

A. Well, I said exactly it would take a crime of particularly heinous quality for me to invoke the death penalty. And this is not an opinion that's arrived at recently or is any way connected with the bill to abolish capital punishment. This has been my belief right along. I'll look at the cases on a one-by-one basis, is what I'm saying.

Q. What about spending next year, Governor? Do you expect to re-