

succeed on referendum, because I think the people realize that the law that was passed was a reasonable attempt to achieve through the encouragement of good legislation a result that we all know is salutary to the general public.

Q. Governor, on another topic, have you gone any further in your search for a national candidate to back?

A. I have been so busy with local matters recently that I haven't done anything in the line of the national picture since our last conversation.

Q. Let me return to the tax question for a moment, Governor. In your own mind, as a lawyer and as Governor of the State, are you absolutely certain that the tax law is constitutional?

A. Certainly not. A lawyer on a tax question is never absolutely certain of anything until the highest courts have passed their final judgment. But I do think that these matters were brought to the attention of the people involved during the evolution of the tax bill, and we did have some of the finest tax and legal minds in the State concerned with the drafting of this bill. Therefore, I would guess that the probabilities are that the law should stand up. This doesn't mean that I'm making a forecast that it couldn't fall down in one respect or another. Laws are declared unconstitutional fairly frequently. But I don't think in any substantial respect this law is unconstitutional.

Q. Governor, do you have anything further to report on the Commissioner of Correction?

A. I am completing my interviews for the correctional head this week and would hope to reach a very early decision, because I think it's most important for the State that we designate the chief of corrections so that he can begin to put together his procedures and move along with the current investigations into the penal institutions so that he can become fully informed about the problems that he faces.

Q. Have you had your interviews yet, Governor?

A. I'm interviewing people this week. I haven't finished my interviews yet.

Q. Governor, yesterday you met with Mr. Moylan, the State's Attorney of Baltimore City, about what he termed the major crime problem in Baltimore City. Could you give us some information about what you talked about, and what you hope to achieve by working together with him?