

A. Yes, I think certainly whatever applies to one subdivision in this regard should apply to the others. And, as I made clear in my statement, I think it's highly discriminatory if the State is phasing out slot machines, which are clearly gambling devices, it at the same time permits the operation of pinball machines, which the owners admit are also gambling devices, because of the purchase of the \$250 gambling stamp. Now, anybody knows that an owner of a machine is not going to buy a \$250 tax stamp if the machine isn't being used for gambling. The reason he buys it is because he has possibly \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year of income he can't explain to the Internal Revenue Service, income from the machine.

Q. Governor, the Legislative Council has talked about abolishing the Council itself and starting programs of regular committee meetings rather than the Council. How do you feel about that?

A. Well, I think the Legislature knows best what would make it function effectively. I've made no secret for my admiration of the legislative leadership. And with their experience, if they believe that that will be the most effective way to function, I'm 100 percent for it.

Q. Governor, do you have complete confidence in Coverdale and Colpitts?

A. Yes, I have complete confidence in Coverdale and Colpitts. And I would like to comment about this criticism about these consultants. A check has revealed that at the present time there have been issued \$5 billion of revenue bonds, successful revenue issues, for toll facilities on the basis of Coverdale and Colpitts' reports. This is more bonding than all other consultants in the country, put together. Now, I am a whole lot more interested in the approval and the confidence of the financial community that has to market these bonds than I am of one wild Congressman's opinions.

Q. Governor, along that same line and maybe a little more basic to the issue is Mr. Wolff's statement sometime ago that he couldn't see an end to tolls on any of the major crossings at least until the end of this century. I'm wondering if your administration has done anything to determine whether or not there is or will be Federal money available to pay for these crossings rather than require toll revenues to continue the financing?

A. Well, we all know that there are Federal revenues available for the Interstate System. This is 90-10 money. Now the approaches to the crossings, I don't believe come in the crossing category. In short, I