

A. I'm giving a lot of thought to it. I find it's a very difficult subject, and how to implement what we know should be done by way of safeguard is not the easiest thing in the world. Most of the bills say a person who commits a murder in the course of his incarceration for another crime, and where he kills a guard or he kills a police officer in the execution of his duty, this should be an exception and the death penalty should be applied. I don't find this easy for me to accept on the basis that not only the guard and the police officer should be protected, but society generally should be protected. On the other hand, I think there's no deterrent at all for a person who would commit a murder while he is incarcerated. If he's been punished to the maximum the law will allow, he could commit a murder every day without being treated any worse. And these things are seemingly irreconcilable conflicts, and those points of view when weighed with the basic concept of all modern theories about correction, that we should be trying to rehabilitate people, make it so difficult to come to a definitive law that's going to touch all these situations properly, that it frightens me. I think that some day we're going to have to come up and wrestle with this problem and do it right.

Q. If the bill is introduced in the next session of the Legislature, would you be the first to support it?

A. I would have to see the bill.

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### OPENING STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

I would like to begin, ladies and gentlemen, by to some extent repeating what happened this morning as a result of a meeting I had with Mayor McKeldin, Mr. Schaefer, and Mr. Gallagher of the City Council, Mr. Phil Darling of the Mayor's staff and Mr. Wolff of the State Roads Commission. I had talked today with Mr. Lowell Bridwell, who is the Undersecretary of Transportation and also happens to be the Federal Highways Administrator, concerning the progress of unlocking the apparently relocked situation of the East-West Expressway and particularly of the southwest leg.

Mr. Bridwell assured me this morning that Secretary Boyd had approved the design concept team, that this should be open news by