

mayoral candidate has said that the new tax program does not go far enough, and for further aid to the City they recommend shifting certain agencies to the State, for instance, City Hospitals. That would save the City \$10 million. There were several other plans. Would you be in favor of such a program or would you consider it?

A. One of the questions I just had has indicated that the State budget requests are beginning to expand and accelerate to meet the new Federal obligations under such programs as Medicaid and Title 19 of the Federal law. The State is not unlimited in its resources. We just put through a fairly substantial tax increase to help the subdivisions, and I think there is a limit to how much the State can bite off. In other words, what I'm saying is, until the Federal government begins to relieve the State of some of its obligations, which I don't think is always desirable, but which I would suggest in the area of welfare, the State just isn't in a position to take on additional responsibilities. I think the State has met its commitments to the subdivisions very well by sending \$100 million of new revenue to them last year, and I again commend the Legislature for its foresight in doing it.

Q. Governor, you said something just a moment ago with a very sly grin, and I don't want to move too fast.

A. Would you object if I objected to having my smiles characterized as sly grins?

Q. You said assuming the Attorney General's report allows him, referring to Commissioner Pomerleau, to remain long enough he'll do an excellent job. Do you have some indication or some reason to think that the Attorney General's report will give you reason not to allow Mr. Pomerleau to remain very long?

A. No, but I have already indicated I haven't read the report, so I think it would be unfair for me to leave you with the impression that he was out of trouble by reason of the fact that I said he was a good police administrator. I haven't read the report.

Q. Based on what you said —

A. I said I don't know whether he's in trouble or not in trouble until I read the report. The only thing that could get him in trouble is the report. I haven't read it yet.

Q. Based on what you said, though, you have not ruled out the possibility of dismissing him, depending on what's in the Attorney General's report.

A. I never rule out the possibility of dismissing anybody.