

be withheld, because there's no other place they could be used other than the roads picture, and I feel that this is a political maneuver on the part of the executive branch of the Federal government. Not one that I disagree with wholly, because sometimes the executive branch has to use what means it has to get attention to bring about a favorable reaction on some of the budgetary requests of the national government.

Q. Are you referring to the President's request for contracts?

A. Among other things, yes.

Q. On the subject of gambling, yesterday the Maryland Crime Investigation Commission suggested the possibility of legalizing all gambling in the State, particularly the numbers game. Does your special committee under Clarence Miles offer any opinions on this?

A. No, we have no formal reports. I spoke with Mr. Miles just a couple of weeks ago to see how his commission was going forward with its work, and I find that we expect that some subjects will be brought under public discussion before the end of this year. But I'm not at this point ready, and neither is the commission ready, to discuss any of it.

Q. You appointed officials to look into the so-called scandal of the home improvement business. Does this finish all the newspaper articles or do you have more information?

A. No, we have other information and as a matter of fact Mr. Gerstung, the Small Loans Administrator, had already begun to investigate some situations that had come to the attention of his office, and he is presently waiting for a determination from the Attorney General as to what his statutory powers are in this particular field. He and Bank Commissioner Graham and Mr. Burch are all involved in looking into this situation at the present time.

Q. Are most of these companies in the Washington, D.C. area or are they scattered throughout the State?

A. So far most of the ones that I have received notice of have come out of the Washington area, but we are trying to ascertain just how many there are in the Baltimore area that may not have attracted the same amount of attention.

Q. Governor, you say there are 2137 permanent-type jobs available, most of these in schools. Do you know how many are filled and how many they expect to fill?