

Q. Governor, do you have any reaction to David Scull's opinion -- as a Republican member of the Council in Montgomery County -- to his hint that he may switch and join the Democratic Party?

A. Well, I'm not sure it was a hint. I didn't read the exact comment that Mr. Scull made, but in my judgment, switching parties while in office is not good for either the parties or the individual. I think the parties today offer a broad enough cross section of opinion to accommodate everyone's personal views, and I think the average member of the public is a little bit disenchanted about party switching where it involves persons who are actively in or seeking political office. So my advice to Mr. Scull would be to stick with his own party and try to improve it and convert it to his point of view, the point of view he thinks the party should be following. My personal contacts with him give me no reason to feel he would junk the party.

Q. Governor, didn't you once switch parties?

A. I made known long ago that I was a registered Democrat until I was about 25 or 26 years old. I was never in politics. I changed my affiliation because of personal admiration for a person in the Republican Party, who happens to be a judge at the present time. And I think many young people either register or subsequently change their affiliation because they have a high personal respect for an individual. They then stay with the party they get active in.

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ADDRESS AT DEDICATION OF WILLIAM PRESTON  
LANE, JR., MEMORIAL BRIDGE, SANDY POINT

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Today, we officially dedicate in name a bridge that in inspiration and spirit has long been dedicated to William Preston Lane, Jr., Governor of Maryland from 1947 to 1951.

When this imposing span across the Chesapeake Bay opened to traffic on July 30, 1952, it marked the first physical connection between Maryland's Eastern and Western Shores, a feat of unprecedented engineering genius. Even more, it signified the successful culmination of over a half century of vision and struggle to achieve this purpose.

Even before the advent of the motor vehicle, sketchy preliminary studies were made to span the Bay by bridge. It was the unfulfilled