

and other people who are highly knowledgeable in this area, I've reached the conclusion that an absolute prohibition of any consideration of parole may create severe custodial problems in the institutions, and I think we're going to modify that particular facet to some extent. But the rest of it will become part of our program.

Q. On your original statement, hadn't you consulted with Mr. Cannon and Mr. McCabe as your principal advisors in the area of prisons?

A. Yes, I had, but I hadn't gotten into the depth and detail that involved this particular matter. And I might say this, that there are some involved technically with corrections that don't necessarily agree with those positions, but after some discussion in depth I'm persuaded that we probably should view this as a legitimate objection.

Q. Yesterday, before the grand jurors' association, Mr. Cannon said that the \$19 million that he is requesting in his budget was absolutely essential and that he does not believe it will help the efficiency of the prison system if anything were cut out. Do you go along with that?

A. I haven't reviewed his budget item by item as yet. But I would say this, that we went out and recruited the finest correctional officer we could find in the nation, and we would be very silly in my opinion if we didn't provide him with the tools to implement his programs. So I'm certainly going to be striving to give him everything he wants, within reason. Within reason has to be an escape valve when you're looking at the need to hold the expenses to some reasonable level, faced as we are with a health program that's going to create some problems for us this year.

Q. Governor, the inevitable question, in view of your stand on the appointment of the Comptroller, are you disappointed in the actions of the Convention yesterday?

A. Well, let me preface these remarks by saying first of all that my views don't have anything to do with individuals who occupy these offices at present. I want it clearly understood that I'm not taking any cheap shots at Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Burch or anybody of that type. But as I indicated in my testimony before the Convention, it isn't logical to me to go about clearing up a constitution and removing detail from it that really isn't related to the perpetuity of objective that constitutional government seeks to obtain. Now, last night in stripping the Comptroller's office of all of his discretionary function, all of his policy-making authority, and leaving him with purely the ministerial capacity to disperse monies, the Convention undertook a course of action and made the decision. Then, in my opinion, the Convention turned