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(School Law Revision)

Q. Governor, do you have any comment on the report of the State School Law Revision Commission?

A. I just received that report, I guess a couple of hours ago, and I think it's mostly a housekeeping job. There are a few things in the report that relate to unifying the methods of appointing the county school boards; there's a feature extending the term of office of school board members from six to seven years. I don't see too much of a controversial nature in the report at this point, but I haven't had an opportunity to go over it thoroughly.

Q. How do you feel about the provision that the local government should cut the school budget in the new plan but not below minimums established by the State?

A. I think it's an intelligent consideration. We have our foundation programs that are providing a tremendous amount of State assistance to public education, and this would seem to be a provision that goes hand in hand with that theory.

(Conflict of Interest)

Q. Governor, the Legislative Council has proposed a conflict of interest measure for members of the General Assembly as well as provisions instructing the Governor to set up a more broadly based code of ethics for the executive branch. Do you support these proposals?

A. Yes, I do, and as a matter of fact when I met with the legislative leaders yesterday we went over this particular provision. I don't intend to be the sole author of whatever the executive branch recommends. I suppose what I will do with these is to appoint a representative group of knowledgeable citizens to make suggestions in this area — for the executive branch.

(National Republican Politics)

Q. Governor, in connection with the Oregon Presidential primary are you encouraged by the fact that Governor Rockefeller submitted a statement of noncandidacy that falls short of the necessary affidavit?

A. Well, that's sort of a left-handed encouragement in a way. I am encouraged much more by the tremendous amount of public pressure that is being put on the Governor to revise his position. I don't see how a man as sensitive as Governor Rockefeller can fail to be impressed by this groundswell of desire for his candidacy. I think that