

stitution is adopted. So I don't see how we can lay at the feet of the new Constitution the increased costs of all the reforms in government that may be achieved either through constitutional adoption or through legislative enactment or individual constitutional reform as previously done by the Legislature under the two-thirds law at referendum.

(New Abortion Law Proposal)

Q. Governor, Delegate Spector says that he is going to move at the next session of the Legislature to abolish the existing abortion statute and substitute in its place provisions by which Med Chi (Medical and Chirurgical Faculty) would have complete say over who can and cannot get an abortion and under what conditions. Do you approve that approach?

A. I have always felt that the question of abortions is properly a medical question, not a legal question. I understand the concern of certain religious groups over abuses of the situation and I understand the contentions as to the rights of the unborn. I agree that certainly unborn citizens do have rights, but I think we have to understand one thing — that the physician, when he is faced with a medical decision for which he is qualified and for which he is trained, should be able to make the judgment. Certainly none of us likes to see the life of a mother jeopardized or the future life of the child jeopardized where it becomes apparent on sound medical reasoning to the physician that this child cannot lead a normal happy life and, in effect, may be jeopardizing not only his own future but the future of his own parents — of the mother — by going through the birth. This is not an easy question, but my inclination is as medical science progresses we have to go along with the doctors and let them make the decision. I go along with the Med Chi's reasoning.

(Senator Bishop as a Possible Candidate)

Q. Governor, some time ago you said that you thought that Senator Bishop would be an excellent man to run against Congressman Long.

A. Yes, I think he would.

Q. Have you discussed the situation with him since that time?

A. I don't know whether it has been since that time. I have only had one or two rather brief discussions with Senator Bishop about his candidacy for the Congress and he did indicate some interest in it. I suppose he is doing what every other candidate does at this time, trying to find out if he can mount a proper base of support to run