

who are involved in transit planning seem to believe that a lot more will be accomplished if we continue the personal involvement of the decision-making components in the subdivisions.

Q. Leaving all the regulations in the Public Service Commission?

A. Yes. On taxes let me add one more thing. I happened to notice in the paper this morning that Delegate Sarbanes is asking that the tax reform that's been studied exhaustively by the Hughes Committee be overturned, so to speak, and the money allocated in certain specific directions. I don't believe that this is in the interest of the State. I think that to take this tax money and legislatively channel it the way that Mr. Sarbanes is trying to do abrogates the function of the Governor. The Legislature, under that bill, would be deciding exactly how much money to spend and in what area to spend it. Someone asked me what I thought of that bill and my first reaction was that it was a Sarbanality.

Q. Governor, there's been a report of a coalition of the Baltimore Senators granting an amendment to the public accommodations bill that would permit tavern owners to refuse service to Negroes. Do you have any comment on that?

A. You know how I feel about public accommodations. I thought that any talk about going backwards in that area was a retreat into the Neanderthal age. I can't see any reason, under any circumstances, for giving any consolation or hope to a retreat into the past in the area of public accommodations. The fears that were expressed in that area were proven to be absolutely without any foundation. All that reconsideration of these matters does is create hostility on the part of minority citizens and I think it ought to be laid to rest.

Q. Would you throw the full weight of your office behind any attempt to defeat such an amendment?

A. I would put the full weight of my office behind any attempt that would be directed to removing equal access to public accommodations. I don't think I said that right. I am against attempts which would make public accommodations non-accessible to all people.

Q. You must have been pleased, Governor, to hear that Governor Rockefeller would be a candidate if drafted.

A. I wasn't surprised.