

Governor: Let me add one thing. In this year of financial hardship throughout the State, one of the major attacks against the Constitution has resolved around estimates of what it costs to implement. This is truly an artificial argument against the Constitution. The reforms in this document must take place in one way or another if we are to keep government current. And it's most important that we not, as citizens, accept this artificial argument against adoption of the instrument on the basis of what it will cost. The Constitution will cost nothing. The Constitution will save countless dollars in streamlining the government. The reforms inherent in the Constitution of necessity may cost some money, but they will come about whether or not the document is adopted, and they'll come about a lot more flexibly and coherently and easily with a new Constitution, and efficiently, I might add, than without.

**Questions and Answers
(Legislative Program)**

Q. Governor, your legislative program seems to have bogged down somewhat downstairs. Do you think you are going to be able to salvage some of it?

A. Well, that's a matter of opinion as to whether it has bogged down or not. The legislators don't feel that it has. They point out that in their memory, never have so many important bills been given to a Legislature in one session; not only through my office but through the origin of the Legislative Council. They think they have a pretty good percentage of these bills that are subject to pass; I don't feel that the program has been as unsuccessful as the general impression of it by the media. Neither does the legislative leadership, and I think if you'd question them you'd find they reinforce my opinion. So I can't say it's bogged down. I'm fairly well satisfied. We've gotten our top priority program through virtually intact; that's the \$129,000,000 bond issue on water pollution. It looks like we're going to get our roads program through, which was a very high priority thing. The business tax reform looks all right. We're not doing too badly with our programs.

Q. Well, your scholarship program was rejected. The death penalty repeal – the pinball machine bill looks bad

A. Let me interrupt you a minute to say that as far as the death penalty repeal, this is not my bill. It's a bill I support. It's been in the Legislature several sessions in a row now and it can't be termed an administration failure. Certainly I'm for it and I'll continue to