

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Can you tell us the results of the meeting?

A. *Well, the senators simply indicated that for the first time they had received word from the Baltimore City judges about this bill and they were frankly not too well advised of its progress. They wanted to know whether I was pushing very hard for the bill. I indicated to them, very frankly, that in a year as tight as this, I wasn't pushing for any bills to spend any more money if they weren't supported as local bills by the local legislators, and in the absence of support that I had not funded this in either the original or the supplemental budget, but if the bill was passed in one form or another I would then make some effort to provide through appropriations — special emergency appropriations — for at least some part of its funding. However, I told them until I saw some evidence of support for the bill from the City legislators that I was not going to take any active part in it.*

Q. *Are we to take it from this that the City senators have not given support to the bill?*

A. *Well, this is the first time I had heard from anyone on this bill — this morning.*

Q. *Are you convinced now after your meeting that the City senators are supporting it?*

A. *Well, I can't answer that. You'll have to ask them.*

Q. *Governor, once again some of the Baltimore City Councilmen are irritated because Commissioner Pomerleau did not show up at a meeting last night, and one went so far as to suggest that you direct the Commissioner to attend Council hearings. What are your thoughts on this?*

A. *I have said several times this year, that although the technical supervision of Commissioner Pomerleau rests with the Governor's office, that I have indicated my sympathy that his true direction must come from the Mayor. The Mayor, and I, and Mr. Pomerleau have discussed this, and we are in accord that since he is the Baltimore City Police Commissioner he should be responsive to the Mayor's direction. Now it would seem to me that if the Mayor really believed that he should be at this meeting, he would have indicated it to the Commissioner. I don't know whether he did or he didn't, but I'm not going to sit down here at Annapolis and try to tell the Commissioner what meetings he should go to and which ones he should stay away from. I am not even aware as to whether there was a breakdown in communications this particular time or what went wrong, but ob-*