

A. No, they seem to be about what they were the last time. The Comptroller has given me the latest information he has and it's not substantially different from the information that we based the supplemental budget on.

Q. Governor, Dr. Nelson's ad hoc committee that you appointed on medical care costs contained some very sharp language about — what it referred to as the failure of the State government to live up to, face up to — the problem of adequate support of medical care including, if necessary, additional taxes to support it. Do you have any comments on the Nelson Committee's report?

A. I think the Committee did a pretty good job of suggesting some areas where we can tighten up the overall program without depriving the medical indigent that are solely covered by the State program. I think that the sharp comments reflected a genuine concern on the part of the Nelson Committee that the health requirements were growing much faster than the State has been willing to provide expanded spending for them. On the other hand, I would simply defend my position by saying that there's not a major area of government that hasn't had a similar complaint — a similar entreaty that we spend more and tax more. And I point to what I said previously, which is basically that there comes a limit to how many new taxes can be enacted within a given period. One of the things that scares me, more than anything that I can think of at the moment, is that apparently the Federal surtax and the cutback in Federal spending is approaching the period where it is getting to be a likelihood. If we do have a cutback in Federal spending and additional Federal taxes, it's going to affect our tax revenues because the people aren't going to be spending as much, and the corporate payrolls aren't going to be expanded as much, so that we'll have a diminution of State revenue at the very time when there's the greatest clamor to spend more. So I think this justifies that the economy thrust that we gave to this year's budgeting — and in spite of the understandable screams of anguish from people in the social areas to spend more for the poor and that sort of thing — I don't see any appreciable chance of a relinquishing of the tight grips sufficiently to satisfy them. What I am saying is that no matter what we are able to do it is not going to be enough, and the only real solution is to end the \$30 billion a year drain in Viet Nam, so that some of that money can be loosened up to flow back into domestic programs at the Federal and state levels.

Q. Governor, does that indicate that you have changed your position on the Viet Nam war? You were 100% behind President Johnson.