

A. Yes, I did know that Mr. Hanson died this morning; I was very sorry to hear it. Obviously, I'll have to take some step to propose a replacement.

Q. Governor, Senator Brewster in Washington has issued a statement calling for strong gun control legislation on the State level as well as at the Federal level. Do you have any thoughts on that?

A. We have a gun control law that to my recollection was enacted during the last session of the Legislature — that came about after a great amount of discussion and bloodshed. I use the word figuratively, not literally. I don't see any sense to revive this question; the law seems to satisfy all concerned.

Q. Governor, for some weeks we have been waiting for Attorney General Burch's ruling on police unions. Have you received that ruling yet?

A. No, I have not.

Q. Is this holding you up in making any sort of determination on this, Governor?

A. There is little that holds me up these days; I can usually find something to do. But I'm going to remind Mr. Burch that I'd like to have this at his earliest convenience.

Q. Governor, Senator Hall, a member of your party, has proposed that the Legislature receive the report of the Constitutional Convention Commission and act on it in lieu of holding a constitutional convention. How do you feel about that?

A. I think it's not an appropriate proposal, but certainly it would save some money. But we would deprive ourselves of the talents of some very astute people — constitutional lawyers such as Mr. Eney, one of the most wonderful brains in this area I've ever had a chance to encounter. People of this sort who have dedicated the total concept of the convention to the idea that it's going to bring in people who occupy high positions in the private sectors of the community, who cannot by reason of their positions afford to interject themselves on the political scene as office holders. We would lose all this talent if we did this. And I think when we're running a new convention we need this talent; so I don't approve of that.

Q. Senator Hall pointed out that the Constitutional Convention Commission, with all its talent, has already drawn a draft for the