

A. The run-off election seems to have little chance of success from the opinions I've seen stated on it. I don't know. I've always felt, again, that situations where independent candidates have interjected themselves completely lawfully into an election, do cause some problems. I'm not prepared to take an unequivocal position on it, but I think it's something we ought to consider perhaps in the line of percentage evaluation of the vote required. Maybe an absolute majority may not be necessary where there is an independent or third candidate, but something to assure a clear mandate of the party making the nomination would seem to be desirable to me.

Q. Governor, the majority party of the House introduced a bill to expand the investigative powers of the Attorney General. Do you have any new additions?

A. No. I think the Attorney General has very broad investigatory powers at the present time, and certainly there is no desire on my part to restrict those powers in any fashion. I'd have to be shown a need for such an expansion and shown areas in which the Attorney General had been hamstrung in his efforts to perform his function.

Q. I understand this was to give him power to subpoena and to swear in witnesses.

A. Well I'm not sure that doesn't go too far. We have grand juries and we have the court system and I think that the safeguards of the usual criminal procedure are adequate at the present time to protect the public.

Q. Was this stopped by the Attorney General?

A. I'm not sure of that.

Q. Governor, sometime in the very near future you'll have your first judicial appointment to make in Baltimore City. Judge Moylan is to reach retirement age. Do you intend to be guided by the recommendation of the Bar Association in judicial appointments?

A. Yes, I do. I intend to follow the Bar Association's recommendations unless there is some very unusual or acute reason why I should not and I can't envision what that reason might be at the present time. I've got to say this to you, of all the things that a lawyer has to do as a Governor, I suppose this is the most difficult because you know so many qualified people who are on the lists and it's difficult to make a determination.

Q. Governor, I would like to get back to the tax question for just