

A. No. I think when you are a representative of a minority party you have to wait until the very last minute to make that decision. From a standpoint of reality, a minority party candidate can only win if the climate is right for a minority party candidate. And that's an overriding consideration. Other considerations are whether the candidate himself wants to become a candidate and that's something that I can't positively say how I am going to feel a year from now — or a year and a half from now.

Q. How do you feel now?

A. Fine.

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Q. How active are you going to be, Governor, in the senatorial and congressional campaigns?

A. Well, I am going to be active certainly to support candidates such as Mac Mathias, who I think is one of the outstanding legislative candidates that I have seen come along in my political life. I am going to involve myself with all the candidates of my Party who are nominated for positions to a lesser extent, I would think, than I will with the few principal ones. But I am going to try to help elect as many Republicans as I can this year.

Q. Do you consider Glenn Beall, for instance, one of the principal ones?

A. I like Glenn Beall. I do think he's got a tremendous future in Maryland politics. I think he's shown his legislative ability here in the General Assembly and he'll be an excellent candidate. I understand that Mr. Beall has competition in the Primary and I think this is a very healthy thing for our Party. I am not going to endorse or select between candidates in every primary; but this doesn't foreclose the fact that I may in certain stated cases, where I think a person of very exceptional ability is running, endorse his candidacy and try to help him.

Q. What effect do you think Mr. Mahoney's jumping into the race as an Independent will have in the senatorial race, either helping Mr. Mathias or hindering him or helping Mr. Brewster or just what?

A. Well, you know that's a very difficult thing to evaluate — the effect of an Independent candidate. During the last gubernatorial election when Mr. Pressman became an Independent candidate I was tremendously concerned that it would make it impossible for a minority party candidate to win, but it didn't work out that way. I guess an