

Independent candidate's appeal depends, to a great extent, on the amount of coverage, his previously established recognition factor, the feeling of the people, many things that I can't make a judgment on. I'd hesitate to make a prediction on that.

(Generic Drugs Veto)

Q. Governor, Mr. Orlinsky said in response to your veto of the generic drug bill that he would accept a version suitable as far as you were concerned. In other words, he was willing to compromise. Are you planning on giving him some variety [interruption] . . . ?

A. Yes, I think that the idea of some bill on generics is a good idea, as long as the legitimate objections of the medical profession can be met. During the hearing that I held on that bill, which was a tremendously interesting one, I learned that one of the fears is that the Federal Food and Drug Administration does not have any jurisdiction in intra-State drugs; in short, someone can manufacture drugs right here in the State and distribute them without having any Federal controls imposed upon him. This scared me a little bit. The general concern of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty and the facts that were put forth made me feel that the bill was not tight enough to protect the doctor's right to make the selections — that there could be wide variables among the quality of the various generic drugs which, of course, are still manufactured by different firms even though they are under the same generic name. And generally I thought it needed more study to tighten it up to the point the doctors would feel a confidence in the quality of the drug. But I am entirely willing to consider a tighter bill that will establish rigid quality standards and remove the fear that inferior drugs can be put into circulation.

Q. Are you going to introduce such legislation?

A. I would like to sponsor it if we can draw such a bill that will be satisfactory to all concerned, but I don't think that it would be very fair to Mr. Orlinsky for me to do this. I would prefer to work with him because, after all, he is the one that seized the initiative in this respect and I would like to help him develop the kind of bill that we can all support.

(Princess Anne Situation)

Q. Governor, do you feel that you can fulfill your promises to the students at Princess Anne as quickly as they would like?

A. Well, let me say that I have had a report from Mr. Bresler who was there yesterday, earlier this morning, and I don't know what the word "they" means. I do know that there were a few students who