

A. It made a very, very difficult problem for me in having to consider the budget and many other matters of alignment decision as regards the structure of the administration. I think that we certainly should do something about having the Governor sworn in at an earlier date. I do not approve of 30 days after the election. It seems to me that we should follow the procedure of most other states, and the Governor should take office very shortly after the first of the year. That would give him 3 weeks or so, a little less than 3 weeks, before the Legislature began its deliberations.

Q. Governor, on the Constitutional Convention, the bill moving through the Legislature right now calls for a three-fifths majority of the Convention instead of a simple majority to act on the Constitution. Which do you prefer, personally?

A. I'm strongly in favor of the position adopted by the Eney Commission, which is the simple majority. I fear that upon review of the individual items at the close of the Constitutional Convention, when it becomes necessary for the body to vote on the entire instrument, people who have been against certain things that have narrowly lost may well be tempted to utilize their minority strength to prohibit the passage of the final instrument, as a negotiating point for some very closely contested subsection that they may have a particular interest in. I think the simple majority is what should be utilized in this respect.

Q. Do you also oppose a three-fifths vote of the Convention for continuing it beyond the three-month deadline?

A. No, I think that's a reasonable situation to give them some impetus to complete the thing on time.

Q. What are you going to do if you get the bill with the three-fifths approval requirement? Veto it?

A. No, obviously I would not stop the Convention over this one point, but I frankly feel they will be letting themselves in for a lot of trouble if they go for the three-fifths. There is a lot of opinion on the other side, and I can't deny that the arguments are legitimate arguments in some respects. But my feeling is that the simple majority does the job.

Q. Does the three-fifths rule in effect mean that the minority rules?

A. That's what I'm afraid it does. I'm afraid that it offers an in-