

by not doing these precautionary things such as frisking a person for weapons, and I agree with the Attorney General's conclusions on that.

(Judicial Decisions)

Q. May I pursue that just a bit further, Governor? This morning Commissioner Pomerleau, after they had taken three pretty good suspects in the recent bank holdups in the City of Baltimore, commented he hoped the judicial procedure would proceed more smoothly than it has. And he pointed out that those who have been taken into custody have been free on bail on other holdups and one in particular on a murder charge. Now you have the responsibility of appointing judges in this State. Do you feel that they have taken too soft a tone in this respect?

A. I don't want to seem to be avoiding this question, but I honestly believe that it is impossible for me to sit here in Annapolis and decide whether or not a judge has made a proper decision in releasing or refusing to release an individual who is accused of a crime when I haven't seen the record of the case, I haven't seen the investigations — pre-sentencing investigation — and I have really no knowledge on which to predicate a judgment. I don't think you can lump these judgments into a general decision any more than I think you could apply them across the board to all the judges. So I have to avoid that on the basis that anything that I say would be an oversimplification. You have to leave it to the judge's common sense. I try to appoint the most capable, qualified judges I can find. I don't go outside the Bar Association lists, and that's the best I can do in appointing judges.

(Judicial Appointments)

Q. Along that same line, Governor, you have some judgeship appointments coming up. When do you intend to make them?

A. Well, I would doubt that the new judges that are up for appointment will be assuming their duties before September 1, but the date of the announcement I haven't decided yet. And I haven't decided either whether I am going to fill all of the four new vacancies, even, effective at that time. Two of them may go over until the first of next year because of the financial problem facing this State.

(Capital Improvement/Mental Hospitals)

Q. Governor, in view of the still troublesome financial situation is there likely to be any sharp cutdown in capital improvement proposals at the next session of the Legislature?