

Q. Hasn't a report been sent from a committee?

A. Well, it's not going to be over today, I don't think.

Q. Governor, could you comment on the Ober Law being held unconstitutional?

A. Well, I've commented just recently about the Ober Law, and I commented about it months ago when I first took office. I've said that it's never been a law that I particularly admired from a legal standard. It hasn't formed the basis of any successful prosecution in eighteen years. It seems to have been the outgrowth of reaction at a very inquisitorial stage of our development. And the purpose of it is laudable, but unfortunately in practice it doesn't seem to do anything except inflame people. So I'm perfectly satisfied that it's been found in its present form to be unconstitutional, and I subscribe to the opinions of some of the legislators that it's virtually impossible to write meaningful legislation in this area that's going to do the job that it's intended to do. The best safeguard for our citizens is to have any State agency properly investigate the background of its applicants, because after all it's what a person is and not what he claims to be that we're interested in.

Q. Governor, the Legislative Council intends to do something about the *State Board of Motion Picture Censors*. Does the administration intend to follow up on this problem?

A. Well, we tried that last year and as you recall we came out strongly against the continuance of the Board of Motion Pictures Censors. My opinion about it hasn't changed, but I don't have any strong feeling that we will make this part of the legislative program this year. It was considered fairly definitively just last year, and apparently there are people who feel very strongly about it. I don't feel as strongly about it as those who support it do.

Q. Do you have any comment on Baltimore and Police Commissioner Pomerleau?

A. I have a meeting scheduled with Commissioner Pomerleau next week to discuss this subject and to receive his report, and subsequent to that time I would expect to have some comment to make on it.

Q. Governor, in your meeting with General Prather yesterday, did you arrive at any kind of decision as to how to improve conditions between the Commissioner of Correction and the Advisory Board?

A. Yes, I for one am very interested in using whatever personal influence I can muster to improve relationships between the Commis-