

## Holland Replies— Collins Silent

Mayor J. Lynn Pflug has received an immediate answer from Senator Spessard Holland in reply to his letter August 1, calling the senator's attention to Winter Park's referendum on the expressway route.

**Governor Collins as yet has made no reply to the letter written him July 18.**

Senator Holland's letter in part replied: "I deeply regret there have been instances of hurtful dislocation in the selection of routes for the Interstate Highway System through urban areas of our state . . . as you know the responsibility for developing roads for the state system was vested in the states, to the exclusion of federal control over the planning. As a 'States Righter' I believe this is as it should be. Only in cases of obvious engineering error, or incompetence, does the Bureau of Public Roads have a right of requiring revision.

"I am aware of the fact that there has been considerable confusion in the establishment of the proposed line of travel of the Expressway through Orlando and Winter Park and that the matter has been studied and re-studied by the State Road Department and the Public Roads Administration, in an effort to come up with an acceptable route that would serve the purpose and hurt the fewest people . . .

"While I have no authority to dictate, or influence the planning of the state system, I am, of course, interested in its economical construction with a minimum of hurtful effect on the property values. With this in mind, I have contacted the proper authorities, to call attention to your expressed views . . . and I shall ask that particular attention be given the results of your city's referendum on the subject of the espressway. I will advise you when I receive a reply . . ."

## Holland Carries Through On Expressway Promise

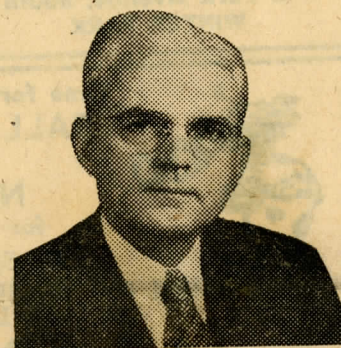
Florida's Senator Spessard Holland has followed through on his promise to Mayor Lynn Pflug to contact the proper officials on Winter Park's protest against the present route of the expressway.

Mayor Pflug has received a letter from Earl Kunkel, member of the staff of Senator Holland's Washington office, enclosing a letter to Senator Holland from Wilbur E. Jones, administrator of Florida's interstate program, written in answer to Holland's letter to him on the Winter Park problem and protest.

**Mr. Jones said: "In regards to your letter of August 4 we wish to advise that we are restudying the alignment for the Interstate Expressway through the Winter Park area.**

"This has been a controversial matter for some time, and the alignment was moved at the request of the city to the west several blocks, which at the time we thought would meet with the approval of the city officials. Apparently this has not been the case, and there is still agitation for moving the Expressway further west."

Immediately following Winter Park's referendum July 15, when



US Senator Spessard Holland

the city voted 1,359 to 155 to move the route of the expressway several blocks to the west, Mayor Pflug wrote Senator Holland and Governor Collins, among other officials, asking their influence be used to aid the city in its fight.

Senator Holland replied immediately, promising to contact state road officials, and the above letter proves he has been as good as his word.

Governor Collins has yet to be heard from.

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## Collins Answers Expressway Letter, Several Weeks Late

Governor LeRoy Collins has finally answered Mayor Lynn Pflug's letter of July 18 concerning the routing of the proposed expressway, under date of September 4.

In his letter Collins said: "I referred your letter and correspondence to the road department to furnish me with a report. At the time the road department had requested the consulting engineers to make a re-study of the entire route from the Hazel Street area north toward Sanford. They, therefore, have written to the consulting engineers for their recommendations. As soon as the road department has had an opportunity to analyze the report and recommendations of the consulting engineers then will advise me and we will then be in a better position

to write you about this matter."

J. Rolfe Davis, State Road Department member for this district, told the Sun Tuesday the report mentioned above has already been given by the engineers (Howard Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff) to the road department, with the recommendation the route stay as planned. Announcement of this was made several weeks ago in the press.

Mayor Pflug has yet to receive a copy of the report from the State Road Department—several weeks after its content made the newspapers.

Winter Park voters might do well to remember the brush-off they have been given by both the State Road Department and Governor Collins, when another election comes up.