

## Prisons Tour May Cost Dunne Chairmanship of Study Panel

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The majority leader of the State Senate, Earl W. Brydges, reportedly upset by State Senator John R. Dunne's widely publicized one-man tour of the state's prisons, probably will not recommend Mr. Dunne to be chairman of a commission that will suggest legislative penal reform in the light of the Attica revolt. The commission is expected to be named soon.

This view of Mr. Brydges's position was disclosed yesterday by Mr. Dunne, who said he was "disappointed" by what he indicated was a shift in Senator Brydges's previous position.

Senator Dunne said he had wanted to be chairman of the commission—to be made up of eight legislators and seven private citizens—and that he had received a "commitment" from Senator Brydges "to do whatever he could to see that I had a leading role." In recent telephone conversations, he went on, Senator Brydges redefined his "leading role" as "telling me he would rely heavily on me for the Senate viewpoint."

Senator Brydges, reached by telephone at his home in Niagara Falls, said he had "no control over who will eventually chair the panel," but added that as a result of his tour, Senator Dunne might have "made himself a better witness than he would be an arbiter."

The majority leader denied that the prison tour by Senator Dunne, a Garden City Republican and chairman of the Senate Committee on Crime and Correction, had been the cause of friction between Mr. Dunne and himself.

"He's considered one of the great experts in the field," he said, "and any member of any legislative body has the right to function independently, but he did not consult me. I've been

reading about his visits in the newspapers."

Mr. Brydges suggested that Senator Dunne might have made himself an "advocate" and "inhibited my ability to put him in a position to head something."

Yesterday's disclosures climaxed almost two weeks of pressure exerted upon Mr. Dunne by legislative leaders to defer his prison visits in favor of the inquiry headed by the state's Chief Judge, Stanley H. Fuld.

Last week, as Senator Dunne toured upstate prisons, Senator Brydges called him several times. Legislative sources said the majority leader was acting for Governor Rockefeller in asking Senator Dunne to ease up on his prison visits.

Senator Brydges said yesterday that this had not been the case. Senator Dunne acknowledged, however, that twice he had postponed meetings of his committee when members informed him they would not attend.

On Tuesday, after addressing a breakfast meeting of the Long Island Association of Commerce and Industry to promote his transportation bond issue, Governor Rockefeller remained for a long talk with Senator Dunne's Republican county leader, Joseph M. Margiotta. Mr. Margiotta in turn had Mr. Dunne in for a talk on Wednesday.

Senator Dunne said that he had been unaware of the Rockefeller-Margiotta meeting but that "it's nice to think that two such important men think enough of me to talk about me."

He said that Senator Brydges had called him "to talk about the commission after the report in The Times about my visit to Green Haven."