WXPost Supports Bill To Reopen '72 Probe

LOS ANGELES, Aug. (AP)—Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace said Monday he will support legislation to reopen the investigation of the 1972 attempt against his life.

In an interview before an address to the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wallace endorsed legislation introduced by Rep. Henry B. Gonzales, D-Tex., which would reopen the investigation.

In the past, Wallace has said he is not satisfied that Arthur Bremer, convicted of the shooting that left Wallace paralyzed from the waist down, acted alone.

Wallace said he would support a new investigation of the shooting "for the simple reason that I don't believe the person that shot me acted alone."

"I don't believe that a man who never made any money in his life could follow me all over the country and buy guns and automobiles and stay in the Waldorf Astoria.

"In other words, I'm not satisfied, even though I have no evidence that points to anyone else."

The Democratic governor also said he "could be very comfortable" with former California governor Ronald Reagan, a Republican, as a running mate in the 1976 presidential election. "But I don't see that in the making, and I don't want to start anything out here in California," Wallace said.

Reagan has taken a cooler stance toward joining Wallace, saying that he intends to stay in the Republican Party and that he is not interested in a third-party movement if Wallace again leaves the Democratic Party.

Reagan also addressed the convention. He and Wallace had similar messages: both criticized a growing federal bureaucracy, called for strengthening national defenses and criticized detente.