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GOVERNOR CHARLES THONE: I told Senator Marsh at the rear of the Chamber that we shouldn't stop there maybe there would be another vote on extending the invitation to your Governor and I didn't want to take the chance. Mr. President, Speaker Marvel and members of the Legislature, your invitation to me to share some thoughts with you before adjournment is truly appreciated. I, too. Senator, don't have any rule changes to bring up at this juncture, although we have been thinking about a few over at the Governor's office this afternoon that we might look over while you are in recess or adjournment. You know, about a hundred years ago the British author, Thomas Hardy, wrote these words, "War makes rattlin' good history, but peace is poor reading." You know, when I became candidate for Governor in 1978, having been through the legislative wars a bit as you have been through here this session, some of you many sessions, I declared that having a running battle with the Legislature might be very effective politics. No question in my mind about it at all, it is. There's one of me and there's forty-nine of you out there, and it is a lot easier when you speak in the singular. But effective politics, in my opinion, would not at all in this area make for effective government. And, of course, as all of us would know, the media people over here and you old-timers in government politics out here, the sparks will fly once in a while. That's how you aerate these issues. I think it's good advice, you know, not to take ourselves too seriously through all of this. Of course, we must take our work serious. I suppose we should remind ourselves as somebody did not too long ago when I was up home that with all these momentous decisions, you know, that I am carrying around on my shoulders that there are about a billion Chinese out there who could care less. Let me though, before I give you a brief serious message, clear up something that I was listening to this afternoon which frankly troubled me a little, especially the comment of one member of the Legislature. In January I did go to Speaker Marvel and said, Dick, we got into a heck of a jam the last day of the session two years ago when we were trying to relay bills back and forth that had been reconsidered or so and we ended up with a shouting session or two in the Governor's reception room because of misunderstandings or whatever on some of these bills. One of them that got shuffled to us so late, we didn't have the slightest idea what the shooting was all about. A couple of the Senators... I see one of them is not here right now, would agree that it was a bad scene indeed. I said, Dick, let's not let that happen again. By the way, the Attorney General