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Supreme Court and he said on that new amendment relative to no bond being available for those being accused of a sexual offense would be handled in an expeditious fashion by the State Supreme Court and they have not reached a decision on that yet, so perhaps Senator DeCamp is right. So maybe you have no alternative but to pass something like what 316 has become and since the heat of the battle is to all intents and purposes over now, I doubt that anybody will attempt to move this bill back for any other purpose. But what I would still advise the Governor and for all of you in here, what I am saying in this paper does not come as a surprise to the Governor. The day that we debated on the floor I saw John Evans in the hall and I raised these issues to him. He works for the Governor and I told him he ought to tell his boss that he should not speak too hastily because he has been provoked and make statements that he might have to regret later, that he should review this very section that this paper that I presented to you was written about and consider whether or not something ought to be done with it. This is why I feel that maybe some other people have been contacted by the Governor. Maybe they haven't been but for better or for worse, there is a bill now, 316, which is going to be advanced, I am certain. I don't know whether you will expedite it again but I tell you this much for sure. I am not going to tinker with 316 or your emotions on this particular bill any more this session. But there will be other bills and other days. You have to now, I think, read what 316 has become. You will have a different Final Reading copy and maybe you will have a day or two to look it over and if you think that everything in it is proper and you can read Judge Urbom's decision and contrary to what it may seem from some things I say here, I do believe that everybody can read in here if they set their mind to it and I believe they can understand what they read if they concentrate on it. Legal decisions are sometimes difficult to comprehend even by people trained in the law, but if you will look at Judge Urbom's decision and correlate his comments about the specific sections of statute that he dealt with and look at those sections as they have been amended by 316 and see if you think that they have been addressed by 316, you may get some direction as to how you should wisely vote. We are in a struggle among ourselves here and, Senator DeCamp, there are winners and losers but it is a temporary thing. However, when it comes to the Legislature versus the court, the court has the final word and I just think it would be wise and saving in terms of time for us to try to do something with the bill which at