

of the way. And as some of my colleagues get up and speak fervently on behalf of the preservation of the language of finance in 662, inside I say, colleague, where were you on that final vote on 662? Inside I say, colleague, where were you as we attempted to build this edifice? Colleague, you weren't there. And so what happened simply is that 25 people passed a bill and the Governor ended up signing the bill, taking a gamble that the thing that he wanted, the thing he felt, which is, that the financing at this time should be taken from 662 and that he should be allowed active input in a special legislative session to deal with financing, he felt that should be done. And so I agreed with that. I said I would do everything in my power to work toward that end. Even though I feel good about what we did in 662, I would do everything in my power to work toward that end because the Governor really is a partner. He's really a partner in this building process. And I ask you to set aside the partisanship and the bitter feelings and the sentiments...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...and simply keep on with the task of reform, reorganization and change, bringing in a good ally, that Governor. Collectively we can do great things, collectively. But if we are fractionated and if we are divided and if we are partisan and if we are angry, then as the psalmist says, we are doomed to failure. Be neither a scorner nor a cynic. Instead be a builder.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the late Terry Carpenter said politics is a dirty, double crossing game and added, that's why he loved it. When Senator Schmit offered an amendment to this 662 none of the sticklers for the rules raised the issue of whether or not it was germane. They let it go through and the deals were cut. They agreed to tax increase and delayed it beyond the date of an election. The wisdom of the political geniuses was being manifested at its best. I had strongly supported LB 662 prior to all of that activity. Before the final vote was taken, I explained why I was not going to vote for 662 and I was here and on a date before the actual vote when I thought the bill would be voted on and I was not going to be here, I wrote a note and handed it