

on it. I think, of course, the interest there is perhaps to put him in a corner and maybe see how he comes out of it, maybe embarrass him, maybe not, depends on how he handles it. But, clearly, if the intent is to do that, to send over the budget without further cuts, and allow it to go over there and have the Governor do the cutting, number one, you give up our responsibility which is to trim the budget in the proper fashion and send that over to the Executive Branch, which I think is wrong. And, number two, you won't ever embarrass the Governor in that situation. No matter how we send over a budget the Governor will always come out looking good. If you send over a budget in a cut form, in a good shape, in a way that we can afford it, the Governor says, thank you very much, and goes off and they are the ones that passed a decent budget, none of us will be remembered for having done that. If you send over a big budget and the Governor cuts, and cuts, and cuts, and gets it down there, whether we override or not, they become a hero again by cutting the budget. I've seen this time and again. The Governor can't lose. Whatever form you send the budget over, whether that Governor is republican, democrat, young, old, in between, conservative, liberal, they always come out ahead on us. There is just no way for us to try and get the Governor in a corner. If any of you have an interest in doing that, let me tell you it doesn't work. I tried it when Charlie Thone was Governor, and some other people are trying it now that Bob Kerrey is Governor. I gave up, and I hope some of you will as well. I've seen what can happen with the Governor in situations like that. I, and Senator DeCamp, and Senator Schmit, and some others passed some energy bills. I remember we passed them over the strong objections of Governor Thone. He hated those bills. But once we passed them, some national groups recognized him as outstanding legislation. Governor Thone went to national governor's conferences and talked about the major legislation he had passed in energy and poor John, and I, and Loran sat back and said, well, we tried, guess that was interesting. Then Governor Kerrey, nobody is immune to this, Governor Kerrey vetoed the Willow Creek Project, cut it out of the budget. We overrode him. Who was up there cutting the ribbon for the Willow Creek Project when it got built? Why Governor Kerrey. You can't win. The Governor will always come out ahead, whatever the budget situation, whatever decisions you make, whatever bills you pass, they have the ability to move and shake and dance like you can't believe, 49 other people can. We don't have that