

from the other party in. Those who are opposed to the Governor doing certain things will then switch and then be in favor of it because their man will be in office. So when we cut through all of the rhetoric, all of the discussion, there is not any genuine concern, in my opinion, for the Constitution itself. The Constitution is one of those items like the Bible which can be used by anybody for any purpose, including contradictory purposes by the same person during the same argument. They both are documents which are like supermarkets. Any idea on the shelf that you want to pull down you can. People talk about them and quote them, but honor them most by disregarding them. The Bible is written in general terms, the Constitution is written in general terms. That is because the authors of both did not want to be tied down or pinned down and wanted the document, the respective documents to be all things to all people or nothing to anybody. So these discussions that are occurring now would be very good, in transcribed form, to be presented to students in civics, political science, history and other classes that talk about government. We see that there are facades of words that are designed to conceal meaning rather than to reveal it. But those of us who are on the inside, meaning the legislators, the lobbyists, the players, whether they are with the University or some other agency about to be cut, or those in the executive office, know that these words have meanings to us that they don't carry to the public. The public is not a part of what is going on now at all. It is none of the public's business. It is none of the public's concern and the Legislature is going to fight this out, not on the basis of constitutional principles, but who has the most clout in terms of power. Power in this sense means control over other individuals or the activities of other individuals. So, as in that poem, "Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere." One line described Paul Revere as being booted and spurred on the other side, of the river that is. He was going to ride and tell the people the Redcoats are coming. Well, in this instance that we have before us today, the Governor is booted and spurred and astride the Legislature. But he needs 33 votes to accomplish his end and there are too many "repelicans" to allow that to happen. So we are going to spend all of this time using words that have other meanings than those found in the dictionary, go all around the bush again, and again, and again, and when time comes for a vote there will not be 33 votes to raise the income tax retroactively. The cuts will occur which will cause