

1 GOVERNOR TAWES: No, I really don't, I really
2 don't.

3 JUDGE ADKINS: Does the six-day period give
4 you sufficient time to consider whether or not to veto a
5 bill?

6 GOVERNOR TAWES: Under the present system, it
7 does.

8 JUDGE ADKINS: Do you feel that --

9 GOVERNOR TAWES: Let me amplify that just a
10 minute. You see, when the bill is sent to us, that's not
11 the beginning of the six-day period. From the Legislature
12 we send it to the Attorney General's office. Every piece
13 of legislation is sent to the Attorney General's office
14 for their -- for the Attorney General's office to study
15 the legislation as to constitutionality, legal sufficiency
16 and so on. Now, when we receive that legislation back,
17 he may have the bill for, well, two or three days, he may
18 have it a week before they get around to giving it to us.
19 Now, this six-day period doesn't begin until when that
20 bill is returned.

21 JUDGE ATKINS: From the Attorney General's
office. ~~By that time, of course, the administrative~~