

1 THE CHAIRMAN: All right, gentlemen, let's
2 take a five-minute break.

3 (At this point there was a short recess.)

4 THE CHAIRMAN: One last question. At the
5 hearing this morning, Jim Rennie and I reminisced about
6 the famous Bracket Bill which was a little before even you
7 came into the State, John, and that's saying quite a bit,
8 but this was a bill --

9 MR. DONAHO: I feel pretty badly, but not quite
10 that badly.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: This was a bill which found its
12 way into the legislative hopper at the time the Sherbow
13 Commission's report was implemented that would have in
14 effect struck out the preferential treatment for public
15 schools as far as the Governor was concerned, and would
16 give him the authority to treat their suggested budget
17 just as every other department's suggested budget is
18 treated, to the extent that he could as provided by law.
19 They always put that phrase in, as provided by law. That
20 will take care of everything.

21 Of course, there was a big political wing-ding