

## David Olson interview on Atiyeh

An interview of David Olson regarding Oregon's Governor Victor Atiyeh, recorded on Jan. 12, 2016. Olson was Atiyeh's speechwriter for much of his time as governor. The interviewer, James Moore, was as professor of political science at Pacific University and was Atiyeh's biographer.

The interview includes discussion of: how Olson started out as a legislative staffer in Oregon; Olson's work for the Oregon Senate Human Resources Committee in the 1970s and 1980s; the legislative process, including the creation of memorable minutes; interactions with notable figures like State Senator Ted Hallock; the challenges of balancing personal politics with professional duties; Atiyeh's 1982 gubernatorial campaign; the dynamics of legislative debates; the impact of key speeches, such as Atiyeh's special session speech on taxation; the importance of context and the unique insights gained from legislative work.

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[Recording begins mid-conversation.]

David Olson 00:00

I just happened to bump into him. He literally... Lon Holbrook [State Police / Atiyeh's security escort] and people were there. He literally was on his way down. They were all sitting there, yeah, and this was just on his way down. That's great to the Joint Legislative Assembly. Yeah, that's wonderful old legislative stuff from the 70s. Oh my god, Ted Hallock and all these people with the most infamous set of minutes ever taken that I took take minutes anymore in the 77 Senate Human Resources Committee where I was a wise ass law student, I put in everything Uh huh, including people storming out sarcastic asides, writing else, well, Earl Blumenauer and at least one other person, Ted Houck, old Blumenauer. Ted Hallock said, instructed me pull the juiciest bits from your minutes, all the juiciest bits, and put them together because we want a copy, which I didn't. That's, that's old stuff, but, oh my god, there are corkers in there, but nothing. You know, it's just, that's it, the private life of the human resources. And it has, it's all in the official state archives, you see. But I just, I just, I just pulled the juiciest bits out, like Senate Bill 35 Senator Hallock asked Mr. Kufner of the Dental Board whether the interest should be subjected to capital function. And I put it in because, you know, it's great stuff. If you actually-- Oh, god, yeah, extremely the source. I should make that electronically. You're welcome to, you know, keep any of this. It's not your central mission. But this is context. Context. This is my file. I was staff in the 77 and 79 legislative sessions. Senate Human Resources, and then I was administered the Senate Housing Committee. This is all from my friend Ted Hallock, the late Ted Hallock. And so this is my compilation of 77, 79 legislature. Dick may be in there someplace. And that was a period, if you're looking at that period, at least on Senate side, there's stuff there,

James Moore 02:09

you Yeah, no, no, absolutely. The context is really. Context

David Olson 02:12

is everything.

James Moore 02:15

It's, you know, he basically said, especially for the first term that he was the governor, he was because of his 20 years in the legislature. So the more we have on, oh yeah. Oh my god, better.

David Olson 02:27

I completely forgot I'd billed this. Oh, my God. It was a bet, not only with my actor, but I also bet Ted Hallock, he wouldn't do it, and I built Ted when he did it, I didn't even know that was in there. I built I sent a bill to Ted Hallock

when, when Vic read the Shakespeare. I said, you paid five bucks because you, along with my actor friend, said he wouldn't do it, but he did. Yeah, pay up. That's great. So I'll just leave this. I don't know if you'll find any thing, any pearls in here, but yeah, there's a lot of nonsense, which is what board readers do when they get Yeah, better, exactly. Okay, so I just want to sort of say what's here. Okay, and you know, I should be disorganized in the rest of my life. Okay, so here's, this is chronological, April, May, June, 83

James Moore 03:27

okay,

David Olson 03:30

oh, wait, that's at the end. Yeah, that's, yeah, that's the end. You were. Here we go. Okay, number one. Here it is. Okay. April, 82 here we go. September, October, 82 I don't know how the mouse got in well, but you can probably scroll through this or any of these, and see Vic's own notes on some of these. Because I just, Oh, great. I grabbed him because

James Moore 04:01

we have a bunch of that that he kept. But he didn't keep a universals. I don't think he kept the universal collection of his speeches with

David Olson 04:10

this is about it for this particular period. This is a bit as close to chronological as you will ever get. Yeah, and that might be his writing. He, oh, cool. You wrote for Delores too. He is that his writing? These are, these are his notes. Yeah, absolutely. Okay, absolutely. And I, because this is in religiously chronological order, yeah. And I went with him to some of these speeches. A lot of them is ham and eggs, Red Lion, you know? Yeah, yeah. If I went with him. I would make notes on what he said and what he didn't. He just x. I mean, I gave him enough to work with, right? And he would just go, he's picking two, pick and choose. So you will find chronological

James Moore 04:52

order. Yeah, that's fantastic.

David Olson 04:55

Second gubernatorial debate prepared text. Okay, so that's great. There you go. That's April through October, and then you have it. So that's, yeah, those are the cron files, micron files. And there's, I know for a fact, there are originals in there, in the sense of in hand, in blue ink, his handwriting, right, right? And I have said from the I ought not to have those now, is there lounging around in the office. And is there all between

James Moore 05:23

November and April? May, June, September, October, September,

David Olson 05:30

I do not know. I may it may be my labeling. Yeah, okay. This is everything I have. You know? Yeah, when I scoured in those boxes, if I have some Manila files, I didn't throw stuff in. But I was pretty devout. It may just be bad labeling. Okay, no,

James Moore 05:45

yeah, and it's it that's also pretty common, one of, actually, one of the April,

David Olson 05:50

May, June, and then it jumps to September. Well, yeah, here's here,

James Moore 05:53

April, August, and then this is, this has, this goes great. And this ends October and begins, and the next April. Okay,

David Olson 06:01

so I'm gonna look again and see it. If there's one of these missing, I will find it. Okay, okay, because maybe there's

another volume that got in another box, yeah, but yeah, you take these now. This is perhaps separate. There may be, it may be, I kept it separate because this is the this. These are my files on the election campaign. Oh, good. These are my own files right now, I occupied a tricky position. I was a state paid each rider. This was the campaign, right? But I had to keep files on it, because I, whatever I was doing had to be consistent with what was going on, right? And I tried to, I tried to be, I tried to, you know, keep the line, but very difficult to walk that line, yeah,

James Moore 06:53

no, it definitely is. So this is cool, yeah, one of the things that I just finished working on is the sales tax okay? And one of the things talking to Gerry, she said, you know, by the time the sales tax campaign got going, it wasn't my priority, and Vic didn't put his heart into it either, and never saw him. And so I was able to go and look at the daily schedule and say, Wow, during this amount of time in 1982 Yeah? Because, because Tom Throop, who was in legislature, sure, yeah, Vic has got to be like an 82 when he took on Colin goski. And so I just went and counted, and there's basically twice as many appearances in the 82 campaign as compared to the same amount of time before the election. Yes. So clearly, oh yeah, yeah, that's,

David Olson 07:39

you know, and I knew, I knew, going in what would happen, oh, yeah, and, and his, his, his, his, starting within just a few months after I started, in spring of 82 it went in full bore, yeah, he was going out all the time, yeah, now I, I was writing stuff for him, Because gubernatorial, I mean, story, but his record, right? But I, I put in little tags for it, calendar debates. Here's the debates, you know, and I prepped these, yeah, here's Okay. Gerry asked me to pull up all the promises he'd made from the records, right? What did he promise people? How are we doing, right? She said he pull it up. Here's the index, one through 22 promises he'd made. How are we doing? Yeah. And, you know, yeah, that's great. Us. BLM, ballot measure ball majors. This is ballot measures. Funny. You know about Ted? You ever bring into him? Ted Hall? I

James Moore 09:01

have not but, oh, he's all bumped into, you know, his stuff, and people reacting to him a lot. Oh, he is. I

David Olson 09:09

anyway, here's a note from the venerable senator. Don't ever, ever suck me into wagering again when there's a Boy Scout. I mean, that's Ted Hallock all over.

James Moore 09:18

The Best Story was from Ted Colin goski, talking about in at some point in late 81 or early 82 when Halleck walks into Willamette week for some place, for some reason, and is basically saying, you know, we've got to get McCall in or or, you know, that kind of stuff.

David Olson 09:38

Oh, the stories are legion and legendary. I must have kept stuff from Gulf ski. So this is the ox file. Okay, yeah, Bucha in there. Allegation number two. Allegation number three. Rebuttal number two, right? But you know, there's a lot of depth in here. I don't know. How much is relevant to what you're doing. But there's a lot of stuff in Yeah, that's wonderful. And this is camp, and here's

James Moore 10:05

the clippings, yeah, okay, yeah, fantastic. So

David Olson 10:09

that's campaign. You probably, I mean, this is my own files of 7779 legislature. I probably would stuff here, yeah, I mean, that was working for, etc. Oh, god, yeah, this here's Ted Hallock, some of the stuff. When I was a committee clerk, I said, I have to keep this forever. They had a hearing on licensing Radiologic Technologists, the, you know, the radiation people, and licensing them, the ones who were giving radiation as they should, and so they were testifying, well, what safeguards are you going to have? What are your training? And at which point, Ted Halleck passed a handwritten note to his good friend, Republican Senator George Wingard. Silent, George and I kept I kept it. Made a copy after the hearing. I couldn't give it up. Ted Hallock in his own handwriting the minute he said, Let apron, my balls

hurt. You know, this is, you know, I mean, you can't buy this stuff. Oh, I know I cannot buy this stuff. What really goes on at the roster? This is before internet or anything, you know, you just can't. Vic

James Moore 11:15

kept every single one of those notes this type of legislative sessions. So Christy, 1961 if you really want to know what's going on, read this stuff. Oh, yeah, yeah. So, so one of the things that comes out is fatally is elected in 61 Sure, yeah. And so they're serving in the house together, yeah? And Vic's got this thing. It's at fatally being a shithead, right? Yeah. It's just, don't you ever dare to speak for me ever again. You know that kind of thing. Just, yeah,

David Olson 11:40

away, high horse, yeah, yeah. Just like, from the very beginning. Well, I was on legislative staff two sessions, committee, Assistant committee, Administrator, 7779 both when I was on leave from law school, then after I got out of law school, and then, and, oh my god, the gossip in that building is just, it goes forever, yeah, you know, I always, I only this. You know, you'll see this all Senate side. But if you pull out of anything here, that's, I mean, there's all kinds of just looking at those minutes, yeah, 77 Oh, my God. I wish Vick had been on that committee. It would have been hysterical. But okay, all right. What committee was that? Senate? Human Resources. Human Resources. Human Resources, okay? Bill McCoy, okay, in 1977 devout Catholic ton of kids. Boy his go rounds with Mary Wendy Roberts, when she tried to get pro choice stuff going, were Legion and legendary, because Bill would adjourn the meeting and gavel her down, all of which is in the minutes, yeah? And they didn't stop me, because I just kept saying, this is exactly what happened. Senator Roberts stormed out of the meeting. She was not pleased. I they just never read them. Yeah, whatever. Wonderful. You know, you just for recreation. You get my cold excerpts. You probably like it. Now, do you want make a copy of this? Absolutely okay, I can. I'll just be at the mobile phone. My mobile phone is when I made a copy of it. Was the one of Vic and me next to that second inaugural. I'll just, I'll just scan it and email it to you. Okay? Because that's this would be before and after. Yeah,

James Moore 13:21

I'll see if the archives are right around the corner. I'll see if Eva a better way to do it. But I've got a good system right here.

David Olson 13:27

So it's a 99 cent frame. You know, I had that in my office. This is, there's probably some wizards in here. This one is basically just my legal right, my staff measure analyzes in 77 and 79 fantastic. And again, if you, if you're looking for, I don't know if vix in any of those, but he surely must have been on some of those bills. I don't know. Once our committee shut down, they sent me over to the judiciary and stuff to crank out more of these because the administrators hated writing them, yeah? And I loved writing them because if I had anything better to do, yeah, that's wonderful. And I actually like to go to the hearings just to collect pearls of wisdom. I mean, just because I just loved the sport. I love the sport. Vern Duncan of Gresham, I know Vern, well, yeah, I was in the room with Elizabeth Betty Brown when she asked him if he could please wrap up the line of questioning, because he was wondering wandering, no, not wait. Vernon Cook, from Cook, yeah, sorry.

James Moore 14:38

Did this the superintendent at that point, right? Vern

David Olson 14:41

Cook, Vern Cook, Vern cook, or staff used to say vermin Cook, which was not fair, but it was funny. Yet it was Vern Cook, and he was going on and on and on over a really tiny point. And Betty Brown asked him if he could kind of either wrap up his line of questioning or maybe get to the point. And he said, Well, Matt. The chair. You know, I can't think unless my mouth is open and Betty brown turned to me and said I was just taking misses. Did he really say that? I said I put it in the minutes, but that's over in judiciary. Now we're gonna Yeah. So anyway, that's the stuff. So

James Moore 15:21

this is fantastic my recommendation.

David Olson 15:23

And it's not just because I drove away without my wallet, though I did is, rather than me just sit here and tell you random war stories, is maybe look through that Sure, sure, and, and then because, and I'll see if there's a missing volume, if there really is a hole there, then I need to find where it is. And maybe you look through all that, and then sit down and you can get specific absolutely what happened here. Do you know any more about that? Because you, I mean, gosh, how long you been working on this

James Moore 16:02

hardcore for a year. And, like, asked me two years ago, okay, well, basically it was interview him until he died, and then I got a sabbatical. Well,

David Olson 16:11

and I feel, you know, I have felt, until I was woken up by you on think out loud, or OPB or something where you mentioned the work. I said, Oh crap, you know. I said, Oh my god, are you about to publish or something? Oh, that's, that would be a crime. I mean, I know there's got to be stuff in there you might want. But at this point, as far along in the project as you are, you certainly done macro sorts on things you're looking at, certainly, just the 82 campaign against Kulongowski is a whole chapter of which I think you'll find something, because I was a speech writer for the whole thing and the Inaugural Address afterwards. And I think you'll find stuff in there you really want, yeah, and that's great. And so my suggestion is, we don't, shouldn't spend a lot of time with me, you know, sawing wood to, you know, ransing Today, I think you might want to go through this stuff and then arrange a time to get together, and you can then focus your ask me what you want to ask based on your extensive knowledge of all the rest of this, because this is, you know, what, an 1819, month snapshot, but during a critical period,

James Moore 17:27

yeah, no, during the critical period, yeah, during an election, he didn't expect to win, although he changed his mind.

David Olson 17:36

And, oh, I was very aware that it's very interesting, almost bizarre, but it says almost everything about Vic is that they hired liberal knee jerk, Reed College, flaming Liberal Democrat, you know, to write his speeches. Just when they were going into that election. They knew my politics. I didn't hide it, yeah, and Vic wanted good writing. In other words, it was all quality. He could give a rip what my politics were. Yeah, I had never, not never, but it was a fairly bipartisan legislature. But still, I was as surprised as anyone when they offered me the post. I never, I mean, I was a Multnomah County Democratic precinct committee person, you know. I mean, I've been handing the leaflets out, you know. And, and I was just shocked as hell. First of all, they called me, and second of all, they interviewed me, and it was an Oregonian blind box. I was out of work. I was recently married, was out of work, had my fine law degree hanging in the back of a UPS man delivering Christmas packages. Jesus, what the hell he was. The recession had kicked in. Oh, yeah, massively, yeah.

And I thought, Ah, man, two legislative sessions, you know, my law degree, I'm just, but I did not want a private practice. I said, I'll just go take over the world. Ah, God, when I was riding a UPS truck the previous December, I said, humility started to sink in. I just didn't want to practice law. I but I loved the legislature. I knew I did. It's the adrenaline rush. And so it was that they came up with me. I would never have applied for that job if they could see his name had been on it ever. Yeah, they Denny might remember that I they probably recruited it in various ways. My predecessor was, oh gosh, it was the he was the TV guy. He was a broadcaster that had been writing speeches before, no, no, few of which I looked at because I was underwhelmed. So anyway, yeah, but an Oregonian blind box in December 1981 wow. And it just said I. Uh, wanted uh speech writer familiar with, uh, Oregon State issues. Um, good writer, uh, readily available. And I, you know, I was cruising the want ads at whack when they used to be some Yeah, I said, Well, hell, man, I had to write four speeches for the senators, some of whom were awake, some of them weren't constantly in the two set in the section of legend 79 I had to write all their floor speeches. And then I was a speech writer from Connie McCready, when she ran and lost against Frank Ivan. See city, Portland. So I yeah, I did yeah, I did that. So I said, Oh, perfect. I wonder what it is. And nobody was more shocked than me. About 45 days later, hello, this is Denny Miles in the governor's office, and I did this sort of,

James Moore 20:55

what are you calling me for? I'm sorry. Are you sure

David Olson 20:59

you have the right number? What said, well, we'd like to talk to my send them sample speeches and stuff, Connie McCready and in all kinds of stuff. They liked it, and so I but I was in total shock. I had no idea who was the governor's office, and I, and I was doing cable TV work at the time, and they called me. And this stuff you won't find in here, which is why I'm telling you now. And so they called me down to Salem Danny, and I think I don't know if Dave Fiske was there, Denny interviewed me. They called me down again, and Denny and Gerry both interviewed me. Okay, because that was going up the ladder. Yeah, I don't know what it was. I was such a flaming Reedy, you know, I just was just not their type at all, and which is why it just totally flummoxed me. But it kept going.

So Denny interviewed me. We chatted. I liked Danny, actually, I think he I think we both understood we actually liked each other. Think we're both garrulous and yeah, and stuff, and both big guys and we just liked each other. We were laughing and stuff. He said, I think, I think, aside from politics, he felt, hmm, I can get along, so that's fine. Took me to see Gerry, who scared the absolutely scared. I mean, she, she took a look at me. I remember Denny ushering me during the interview process into her office say, well, I need you to meet Gerry Thompson, because we need to talk with Gerry about what we're gonna do with you. Yeah, okay, usher in his office. And she sat on the edge of her desk and gave me a look. Looked at me so piercingly. It was like three search lights, the FBI, the CIA, and it's like she looked at me so piercingly from across the desk that I almost got up and said, Well, you hate me, so I better go home. You know, I She's scared and and Denny. And thank you very much. And Denny ushered me out, and he didn't say anything. I said, Okay, well, Denny, it's been nice to know you. I said, this is great. I really honored. And I said, the fact is, anybody at my age recently out of law school, I've been crapping around doing things, is it should be honored to work in any governor's office. This is experience you can't buy anywhere. I mean, to work in the office of a sitting governor and see how that feels, see what it's like. I said, I don't have that experience. I want that experience. I you know? I said, that would be fantastic. I would totally learn stuff. I what an opportunity you got to be crazy, regardless of where you are in the scale. And Oregon was pretty bipartisan in those days, and she was not anymore, but was then those guys worked with each other across the aisle all the time, and I worked with all parties all the time in two sessions of the legislature, and there were some Republican senators I was extremely fond of and their families and things, and so I had no problem with bipartisanship. I'd actually learned it at the legislature.

So once Denny took me in to talk to Gerry, who's, as I said, scared me shitless, I probably drove home shaking, and I probably told my then wife, that's the end of that. She took one look at this, this Reed College liberal, and said you're there is not a fucking chance I'm gonna put anything you say in his mouth. And so, well, it was not in the DIS far distant future. I got another call saying we want to talk to you again and and we'd like you to meet the governor. Right? Said. And so I went down and I talked with him a couple times as a staff person checking on bills when he was a state senator. And I just remember this very almost, so calm, so almost passive, but just extremely gentlemanly, nice, nice man who was sparing of his words, but a very, very nice man. I had no other consequence.

So they ushered me in to the inner sanctum and I was astonished, even I said, Well, if he, if the big guy wants to talk to me, they might be semi serious now. I said, Oh my God. And so, so they ushered me, and he just had finished five other meetings, and he was sitting there, short sleeve shirt or something they don't have told him not to wear. And he was in there pulling on his second or third Terry 10 of the day. Yeah, any and I remember being ushered in there with, you know, Gerry was there, and Denny was there, and he was there. He's looking through stuff. What's this now? What's next? Now? Said, Well, Governor, to introduce you to David Olson, may have mentioned him, and give you a chance to get to know him, and vice versa. And and he sort of looked at me blankly, took a puff of his character and said, Oh yeah, okay. And then he had, apparently, stack of papers, my some of my speeches and stuff from the legislature, the stuff I'd sent him as writing samples. And I sat very politely. I think I was wearing that suit, which, you know, with my income, that was the suit, right?

And he looked down, and the smoke went around his head, and looked up and looked at me. He didn't ask me anything, nothing. Looked at me. Looked at Gerry, looked at Denny, looked at me again, looked down and said, hardly any eye contact, he said, Well, he said, turning to Gerry and Denny said, I have no objection. Said, huh, okay, I have no objection. And they both got up, said, thank you very much, Governor. And Danny pushed me out of there. And I was going through this, what just happened? And Danny was familiar. I don't know if you recognize it, but that was a job offer. I said it was. He said, Yeah, yeah, you just got a job offer. I said, huh, really, I did not recognize it, but, but hey,

it's I'm fine, yes, yes, anyway, but that was the job offer, right? The job offer was, I have no objection next to me, a wonderful, dramatic moment. Yeah, that's great.

One other one was, I, we remember this. We talked about it, and it was probably one of the things I was most proud of, and the staff was really proud of, and that's rating safe at the special session was that fall 82 I'd have to look it up, okay, special, his special session speech, yeah, because LB day had been driving him crazy. I mean, he everybody was just on his case. Republicans were because there's going to be a raid on or, I think LB day told him to raid SAIF. Actually, I don't remember, but, and he wasn't. He didn't want to raise taxes, but he had, you know, he didn't want the whole social structure to crater. He really cared about it, and he was getting it from all sides on what he should do. Had to, constitutionally required to have a balanced budget. And so I, I wrote some drafts, and they kept wanting me to sharpen them up. And at this point he'd been before that special session, he was losing sleep. Yeah, that's how upset he was. He was losing sleep.

And the night before the night before the special session, been going round around the speech, and the staff said, just, you know, really punch it up. I said, I'm happy to I love it when he does that. I always tell him, you need to just put a little more energy, you know, yeah, Shakespeare, yeah, I know. I said, Can I give you all those fancy words you take out? But why don't you, you know, go lean it. Lean into it, you know. And I'm old thespian, so I said, Come on, you can do this, you know. And so that night, as I have it, he slept, not at all, or hardly. He didn't he. So he went and gave the special session speech on almost no sleep. Mm, hmm. And the very rare thing that almost never happened with him, he was pissed off. He was really pissed off at all the flack he was taking from his own party, from some people who'd backed him and were now criticizing him for raiding safe and doing this stuff.

And it was the best public speech, in my opinion, he's ever given he absolutely wowed him because he was pissed off. He had all kinds of manic energy, having been sleep deprived. And in the whole essence of the speech, I mean, I'd have to look at it to remember the details. Was, what else you want to do? What? What else are we going to do? What the hell are you gonna do? This is what I've got. If you got something else, put it up. But you don't. None of you guys have anything. You got nothing. You got nothing to give you got nothing to tell me. This is what I've got. You got something else. Put it out. And we did it in groups of three, which Gerry liked you did it, did it. And then the third one, the punch, you know? And, and he said, I looked at this, I looked at this, I looked at this. You guys have come up with flat ass, nothing, and, and I need you to do this. So shut up and do it. It's never been so direct before or since?

Anyway, I it was, as far as I was concerned, one of his best moments as a speaker and staff afterwards, Gerry and Denny said, I get what we need to do. We just need to deprive him asleep the night before an important speech. Just irritate him, bug him, call him in the middle of the night and just sleep, deprive the man. And he'll just, he'll get mad, and then he'll go after it. So everyone said, Oh my God, it was just the best speech. So I heard Gerry and Denny saying, Okay, next time there's a big one in the campaign, just make sure you sleep different and then irritate him. Yeah? Just just irritate with what Ted last said, That'll piss him off, yeah? So they said, just piss him off and sleep deprived when you have a great speech, you know, it's wonderful. Anyway, I remember it well, and that'll go

James Moore 32:06

well together. There's a story from the 78 campaign, yeah, his nephew was his driver for the problem. Okay, yeah. His nephew then was replaced by Paul Phillips. Oh yeah. Delores didn't like the nephew. He never tucked his shirt in all that kind of stuff. But in any case, the nephew had him late because Vic was talking to people, Oh, yeah. And they couldn't find a parking place all this stuff, and so they were coming in for a rehearsal for one of the primary debates. Yeah. And he was, Vic was ticked, and he went in there and he tore it up. Amazing. I bet he tore it up. He was amazing. Whatever, whatever you did, you do that. That's

David Olson 32:48

exactly right. And that's what happened before the special session where they rated safe, which got reversed, but yeah, he balanced the budget at the time. Oh, yeah. And he told Grattan Karen's and Ed fatally. I think, god that talk about the terrible twins ever. He said, Put up or shut up. He said, You got nothing. You guys got nothing. Yeah, you've given me nothing. All you do is sit there and dish at me and you guys have nothing. You got no solution. You got no answers, just just a mouthful of screw you, yeah. And he was pissed, yeah, because they had done nothing except politicking. I remember it well. And also, I was in a in a state of shock, because whatever it was, it wasn't, I don't think Governor

came down, made a speech. They didn't go into session right away, but the next special session, maybe that afternoon, Grattan Karen's the last person you never imagined would say such a thing, stood up Speaker in front of the tower house and said, ladies and gentlemen, the governor spoken, and we all need to do our duties here. And I know you've been concerned about all this, but the governor is as clear as I've ever heard him. This is what we need to do. Nobody ever heard him say such a thing about Vic but he said, he said, the governor spoken, and we need to do our duty. And I mean, that was how electrifying that speech was. Wow. Nobody ever heard that come out of grand carrots. Yeah, he was as political as some of the others over there, you know. But I think even Ed failey shut up for a minute. Goddamn. So anyway, that's wonderful. All right, so that's what I got. So my suggestion is that's just a couple of things. Go through all that stuff. I am going to look and see if I'm missing a file. Okay, if there's a hole in there, I'll just quickly look, and if you going through this, see, oh my god, I'm missing three months. You tell me, because it's somewhere I got somewhere. Yeah, I don't know. This has been 15 household moves, two divorces and all kinds of crap, you know. So exactly you know how it goes? Yes, exactly. And I think that's going to be most productive. There's a few anecdotes for you, and you'll know more about me than you ought to or need to. Going through that and, and, but the most important thing is he's a great man. Great man. We are as opposite personality as you will ever find in the history of the world. Shakespeare, ham actor, Reed, college knee jerk, live only hired me with the famous awards of hire. So I love the man, my favorite boss ever.

James Moore 35:20

Wonderful, wonderful, entirely.

David Olson 35:22

So, so you got plenty to do. I will. I'll scan the before and after picture, the after picture of us both standing next to the speech here, before picture, yeah, and I'll scan that and send it to you, and I'll look around. But if you absolutely ascertain I'm missing a volume. Please drop me a low. I will absolutely I may look for it half heartedly, but I got 10 papers to grade the

James Moore 35:49

skin now or scan it. I'll

David Olson 35:50

give it to you next time. Okay, perfect. So for that, just you and your archives may want to handle that. Certainly I don't. Yeah, it's fine. Okay, hey, you're a historian. We're in the archives.

[Recording ends.]