David Pryor

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I dropped in to talk to Ray Scott.

He says David is in "philosophical mood" now and "a little down" because he cast a vote vs. bussing and for a Helms amendment. "He saw people like Biden and Chiles voting against it and he changed his vote. The New York Times had a field day with it, saying it was the first sign that moderate Southerners were reacting to the election. I think it was a bad vote and he knows I think it was a bad vote. I'm afraid its the first one in a string of such votes."

David came out. "I was thinking about you the other day. We had 4 ivory tower, egghead professors from the Hastings Institute before our committee explaining the difference between ethics and principles. I'm not sure you can do that... Do you want to see me?"

I told him no, I'd be back another time.