I stopped into ask Bob what he had thought of yesterday's markup. He thought it was interesting that they had not had a roll call on reporting out the final bill. He was surprised that they hadn't accepted "such sums." Said he saw Hawkins moving to make the bill conform to admin more closely--by taking out the PSE. He said the two bill strategy has one thing they were offering Kennedy on the Senate side.

Lester told me earlier that Dan and Hatch had had two meetings and were trying to get the White House to get together with them and Kennedy to work something out. Larry told me the same thing at lunch when I ate with him and Rob.

They won't have markup till they've got a deal.

Unemployment is high in Utah says Bob. Hatch is under fire that he's not effective. He really needs the bill, says Bob.

The process is like the Budget process, says Bob; "Reagan's style is to hang tough--at least till the last minute. That's apparently the way he operated in California. So each side will make the other sweat and we'll see who blinks. It's the same as the budget process. The difference is that with the jobs bill, there is a certain outcome. If neither House passes a bill, there will be a one year extension of CETA. The President knows he'll never get as good a bill as this one two years from now. So our bill is the only game in town for him. We're hoping he sees it that way."