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I go down to see Dan. They have had champagne. I get there too late. You can tell victories by the timing of the champagne they drink.

"Lester says "The Labor Department withdrew its opposition when the vote reached 90-0."

Dan "The Labor department withdrew its opposition. That's why we won. It was one horror story after another. The staff can fill you in on the details. They ought to be hung--those bastards. That's enough of a reason right there to fire Donovan. They put holds on all over the Senate. I've spent the last day and half running around talking guys out of it--Helms, East, Simpson, Humphrey. You name it. Someone told me that Donovan was going to call Baker and tell him to stop it. I went to Baker and said "if you stop this bill now..." He said 'Don't worry, I'll call the White House if I have to. I called Ken Duberstein and told him that if they didn't call off the dogs I would go on the floor and tell the whole story in public. They didn't want that. They shut down the Labor Department. Pam Turner called me and said 'heads will roll if they don't stop it.'"

At that point, Duberstein called. I heard Dan's part of the conversation and he repeated it to me, also. "Thank you, my friend. Thank you, for calling off the dogs. We took a few amendments that we had to. But we preserved the 70-30 and they didn't attack the wage provision. But it will come up in conference. I guarantee you that."

Dan - "He asked me if I was going to be with them in conference." And he said "I'll be with you, that's part of the deal. We'll have to sit down when it gets to the House, so I'll know who I'm dealing with. Then we'll have to sit

down and you tell us what you want us to do in conference, tell us what is acceptable to you."

I asked about the floor. "Specter just wanted attention . So I called Dole and said 'give him a hearing.' He said 'OK I'll give him a hearing.'

"The one we didn't expect was Domenici. It came out of the blue. We were ready to go. I told him I'd consider it. But he kept pushing. I leaned over to him and said you take care of your committee and let me take care of mine.' I kidded him. You saw me. "How can I disagree with you.' We put in some innocuous language. He said this with a grin.

"Denton was the one that got me mad. We had an agreement and he went back on it. He came up with a different amendment than the one we agreed on. I talked to him and he took it back."

When I told Dan I was going to follow sugar. "That's an interesting one. Boy am I getting the heat from the farmers in my state. It's just special interest legislation. It's getting the same opposition to tax simplification.... We'll have to pass that one all at once."