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"We're working off some polls we took that showed our people want a little more of a national leadership image. We're doing a very good job in representing the people, but they expect a little more leadership on national issues, from their Senators. So that's on his mind now. We're not sure how we'll develop that image. He may want to get into the budget thing when that pops. He may want to propose a drastic solution to the deficit. He's been talking to some very interesting people lately about Reaganomics--for instance, a Chamber of Commerce guy who was Hollings budget expert for 20 years. Out where we come from people have it in their heads, up here (taps his head with both hands) that the deficit is too big. We're trying to keep a good distance from Reagan, but not going so far that we'll be out of it if something good happens in the next few months.

Talked about long range plans to hold a couple of days of energy hearings on May on nuclear energy and coops.

"North Dakota is one big energy exporting state. We don't mind contributing energy to the rest of the country. But we're sick and tired of other states not doing anything. The nuclear industry is just about shut down. The expense and the environmental regulations have driven them out of business. Nobody is worrying about energy sufficiency--what our energy policy should be, not what it is. We're going to hold those hearings with the flimsiest of subcommittees--the Ag. subcommittee on oversight and investigations. We'll have to be careful McClure doesn't get upset about our getting into energy matters. (Aren't the coops involved?) Yes, they'll orchestra the thing. Some of the them have had cost overruns and are way behind the time they should have been on line. Some of them have bought into nuclear... We haven't announced anything publicly, and we won't until

shortly before the hearings. We want to control the hearings pretty tightly (He listed the people they wanted and what they wanted to come out with). We've only had one planning session on it so far. But that's been on his mind."

"We drafted a candidate to run against Dorgan--Kent Jones, the Agriculture Commissioner. He'll give Dorgan some trouble and take some of the glitter out of him. We'll spot weld his halo so that he won't be a threat to Mark Andrews." "We talk about Burdick's race a little .