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John came up and sat with me while I watched last day.
"You must not have anything to do tonight. Are you addicted to self-flagellation."

"The last day of the session is always crazy. This one is a little less boisterous than some. It's the time when Russell Long usually pulls out his yarn or silk bill."

We spotted a clutch of people conferring on the floor. "It looks like some skulduggery is going on with that group down there."

How can an outsider spot skulduggery? "Whenever you see 4 Senators and 6 staff. I don't see a common thread there in that group Hollings, Simpson, Hart, Ford and Johnson. No common thread there. At least I don't see one... (After we talked a few minutes about process). Oops now I see a common thread. The nuclear regulatory commission bill is coming up. Hollings has Barnwell Hart is on the committee and I am too. And I should be down there!" He jumps up and leaves the gallery.

I asked him what he did before he voted. "I always check with my staff before I vote. They know what's up. Or, they'd better know. If it's a close matter, a gray area where you could vote either way, I may ask someone how he is going to vote. But I don't do that very often. Some people all they do is run down to the desk and see who's winning so they can vote that way. I don't take kindly to that. I do that wherever I am. If I'm in committee and have a chance I'll call them. Or, if I get here, I'll go down to the table, see what the description of the bill says and then call the staff. They are listening to the squawk box and they know the schedule. If I talk with them, then they will know why I voted the way I did if anyone should call in and ask. I don't think there have been more than 2 or 3 times since I've been here that I've voted without checking first with my staff.