

Company with Mr. Osorio concerning generally the fact that during the pendency of this legislation in the Legislature he had to take care of some prominent figure in Texas political circles in order to get the legislation through?

A. That he had to?...

Q. ~~xxx~~ Or some prominent figure in Texas political circles had to be taken care of in order to get the legislation through?

X. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

A. Mr. Simms, I can't remember that, I'm getting tired or I'm getting fuzzy, but I can't remember Mr. Osorio making this particular statement to me.

Q. Do you recall any discussions in this area in ~~xxxx~~ which you and Mr. Osorio for any reason may have left your offices and gone down into the shopping center mall?

A. I think I know what you're talking about now. After the bill passed and before Gov. Smith vetoed it John Osorio came to Houston and was in my office there ~~x~~ in the bank and as we was talking he said well, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "Ben delivered as he said--~~xxx~~ delivered"

Q. Ben delivered?

A. Ben, and I said hold everything John, let's you and I walk out into the mall, I'm never sure that my office is not bugged, and then when we got out in the lobby, I said to him, I said now, are you telling me that we are obligated to Ben Barnes for this. Oh, he said Oh, no, no., ~~xxxxxxx~~ I've already taken care of that. He said, you know, Ben is smarter ^{er} than most of these other politicians, he takes only cash. So, I said well as long as I don't know about it, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ that's your business.

It is also worth mentioning that Sharp later testified in open that that same meeting with Osorio and their conversation

*Sharp
trip
part of
Sharp
nothing like this
ever happened place with him
John Osorio*