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REPORTER: The 10 o'clock report continues with the latest news of Maine. Orono police are investigating an early morning assault on a newspaper girl in Orono this morning. According to Detective Sergeant Richard Leland the 14 year old juvenile was accosted by a man as she was making her newspaper deliveries. According to Detective Leland the man was armed with a jackknife and tied the girl to a tree. Police said the motivation of the assault was robbery but that something scared the man off before he could take any money. The incident occurred on the main road in Orono just below the Penobscot Valley Country Club. The girl worked herself free of her bonds after the attacker fled and raced home. Her mother notified police. A search was made of the area but so far, no suspects have been apprehended.

The State Legislature's Agriculture Committee is expected to meet today in executive session to discuss bills designed to bring down milk prices in Maine. Hearings have already been conducted on bills to abolish retail controls which have allowed prices to go from a dollar thirty per gallon last summer to a dollar sixty-two a gallon as of today. There reportedly has been some discussion to report out a compromise measure which would retain the retail controls but give store owners an option to lower prices.

Well Maine state legislators now earn an average of one dollar and eighteen cents an hour for serving in the legislature. That's below the poverty level and a number of lawmakers feel it should be higher. House Majority Leader Larry Simpson of Standish testified yesterday on a bill he sponsored to increase the 2-year salaries of legislators from \$3,500 to \$7,500 and to provide a five-member secretarial pool for the lawmakers during sessions. Mister Simpson told the Appropriations Committee that he's not ashamed to ask for the pay raise. As he put it, if the voters in my district don't think I need an increase, they can vote against me at the polls.

In the "It had to happen here sometime" department, two University of Maine at Orono students are slated to appear at a hearing in district court today. The police say they were indecently exposed. They say they were streaking. Streaking has become somewhat of a national campus rage which consists merely of darting around campus in daylight in the buff. The two students, Charles Macomb of Bloomfield, Connecticut, and John Derek, Jr., of Stratford, Connecticut, were arrested by campus police after they streaked to within 20 feet of an officer at midday yesterday.

I'll have the weather after this message.

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REPORTER: The weatherman says partly cloudy today and tomorrow, mostly cloudy tonight. Highs today mostly in the 30s, lows tonight the teens to mid 20s and highs tomorrow in the 20s to low 30s. Southwest winds at 10 to 20 miles an hour today becoming northwest this evening. Right now outside of our studios, still mostly cloudy but the temperature now reads 30 degrees. And that's the 10 o'clock report. Our next newscast on WLBZ will be Headlines following Let's Talk It Over with John Wellington, which comes your way next here on Radio 62.

WELLINGTON: Good morning, this is John Wellington with an invitation to Let's Talk It Over, your telephone forum of the air on WLBZ. And on Let's Talk It Over, we'll discuss any subject you wish to, providing it doesn't violate the standards of good taste, as I see it, anyhow, or deal with too personal an issue or deal with personalities. The numbers are 942-4848 and 942-4849. We have a call. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 1: Good morning. I wanted to talk about this Solzhenitsyn business.

WELLINGTON: Yes, I understand that, uh... [coughs]. Excuse me, at that latest word, he is on his way to Bonn, Germany.

CALLER 1: But I wanted to say a few words. I don't know why there is so much talk about him, and why he is made such a hero. He was a Russian citizen, he is a Russian citizen. He was an officer in the Russian Army in the 40s when millions of eastern Europeans were taken to Siberia, old, young, children, sick, put to prisons, put in concentration camps and hundreds of thousands died there. And he didn't protest at this time. He was in the Army in eastern Europe at that time, he must have seen those thousands of cattle wagons full of those people going to the east. And now he's protesting when Russia change, is changing, their policy and it's opening their frontiers. So there may be some hope for Russian people for better life. And now, you know, by publishing this book and making such a hero of him, other people will suffer. And how I know about it all firsthand because I was one of this millions taken to Russia. My two years old boy didn't have food for 14 days on the way because they supplied once a day, you know, food which wasn't fit for children and he died there. My husband was in concentration camp and lots of cousins and friends and all nationalities, you know, minorities in Eastern Europe were taken also to Russia.

WELLINGTON: But, of course, perhaps his book, ma'am, in all fairness, his book may, well has, I think, helped expose the brutalities of the Soviet system.

CALLER 1: Yeah but, you know, in 40s, 42, 43, there were transport of released people to the east Iran and I'm sure that newsmen from all over the world were there. And then we were told not to talk about Russian life because they were allies there. So, you know, suddenly now, when after 35 years when we start new policy and [ inaudible ], he is Russian, so what they do with him is their own business, you know. Like Mr. Kissinger said, and they are letting people out. His wife and children will suffer, too, for him. Especially if he left.

WELLINGTON: Yeah, well, we are, thank you, ma'am, yeah. Well thank you very much, ma'am. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 2: Good morning, John. I understood, or I got the impression yesterday from listening to the program that I think a lot of people missed the point, that called you. This bit about the Stein Club that's up to the University of Maine. I can understand a person feeling live and let live. I'm that way myself. But you got a different point. You got a institution of higher learning up there that some of them characters are gonna go away from there to teaching, teaching young people, six, seven, very impressionable. And I wouldn't take, one man was talking about borderline cases. In them borderline cases, that'd be it. And so when people talk about ignoring it, I noticed even yourself, John, but I know that you didn't really mean

WELLINGTON: Well I was speaking more or less from a publicity point of view.

CALLER 2: Well sometimes, John, the publicity is better. It's better that people get to thinking about something. You can remember in different organizations, if you kick something around, you get a truer picture of it.

WELLINGTON: Well, I understand that

CALLER 2: I think this should be talked about

WELLINGTON: I understand that quite a few students up there are quite upset about this and they don't want their Student Senate money going for this and one student expressed concern that it would become a mecca, the convention would become a mecca for the for the gay front

CALLER 2: Sugar, like, to flies. Sugar to flies, John. The minute they figure they got a place that they can operate. I mean I can, look, if they, if a group like that went up the backside of Baxter State Park, good lord, who'd care less, you know. But this is a this is a whole different ballgame, John. It's a point, and people should be quite concerned. They should write to their senators. Now a lot of people, I had buddies say, well, you can't do nothing about it because it's against the law to not let them hold their meetings. Well, they should take it right to the Supreme Court. Now the money I contribute to the University of Maine, I would gladly do it for education. And I would also be glad to contribute money to take it right to the Supreme Court if it costs money, because if that's what's got to be done, John, this better be done, because you really, this is something they're going to get more militant as they go along. If they get stronger, it's going to be tougher. Some people are going to wake up too late. Okay, John.

WELLINGTON: Well thank you very much, sir. Bye. Some of the student concern was expressed about the image of the University of Maine. Of course it's always the, well, would you term it bad apple, or what would you term it? But anyway, the minority being quite vocal gets the attention of the vast majority of the students. How many are there up there? About six or seven or eight thousand, something like that and how many, okay, give the Wilde Stein Club a hundred members. What percentage is that? But, boy, they're making the publicity. I tried to point out yesterday, at a story the other night on these student Action Committee at the University of Maine that's working with young people, working with handicapped people, doing a vast amount of good. But this is a sort of back page stuff. Because, well, it isn't the cat that didn't get lost that makes Pet Patrol. Look at it that way. 942-4848, 942-4849. It was a very interesting comment by the lady on Solzhenitsyn, the author of *The Gulag Archipelago*. Here comes a call. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 3: Good morning. How about the shreakers up there?

WELLINGTON: The streakers?

CALLER 3: Did you read that in the paper this morning?

WELLINGTON: Yes, I did. I think it's a little cold. I mean that's sort of uh, seems to me rather silly in this kind of weather.

CALLER 3: Didn't it say they're gonna have a group performance tonight or tomorrow night?

WELLINGTON: Well I think there was sort of a tongue-in-cheek thing. I don't think it'll become an intramural sport.

CALLER 3: Well, the way they were talking about, it seems as though they're gonna vote on it, that the Student Senate has already agreed that it's a, you know, that they should go along with it, and I think the Maine Campus is gonna vote on it. And the way they voted on this Wilde Stein thing, they'll probably endorse it. They'll probably say, you know, we don't go against it, but we don't condone it, but we don't, we don't say no, either, so

WELLINGTON: I wonder if the Student Senate will appropriate money for cold remedies for these people.

CALLER 3: Well, I wonder if news is going to cover it and have their pictures in the paper. Is that just men, or is it coeds, too?

WELLINGTON: Yeah, well, 'course back in my college days it was a swallowing goldfish, although I never swallowed any, but that was back in '38, '39

CALLER 3: Somebody called you yesterday, and said, you know, at least they aren't running around with no clothes on. Remember that, on your program yesterday. He should have waited until today.

WELLINGTON: Hey, well, thanks a lot. Okay, bye. That seems to be a fad going across the country. This streaking running about in the buff, seeing, you know, dashing across the campus from car to car or

something like that, but these two lads who had the misfortune to dash by the campus police chief. So there you go. Just like parking in front of a fire hydrant in front of the police station. 942-4848, 942-4849. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 4: Yes, I'd like to talk about the fire station site, there

WELLINGTON: Oh, yeah, the 325,000 for the uh, yeah

CALLER 4: Well, it seems to me as though it was done just backwards, you know what I mean? Usually you get an appraisal of a place, and then you would offer the fair price that you think. But now this seems to have, a big price was offered, another price was sent back. Then an appraisal was made, and it's no wonder people don't have too much confidence in the, well, in government, you might say. Now, I hope that Bangor will not pay. Why should they? I mean why should they pay three times what it's worth? Nobody else would.

WELLINGTON: Mm-hmm. I notice in the story today that they quoted some realtors saying that the evaluation was... Of course, on the other hand, you know, in all fairness, I think you're buying a business, not just a piece of property. You're buying a going business.

CALLER 4: Well, then they should find another place. That can't be the only place in Bangor.

WELLINGTON: Well, they, I think they want a place accessible to downtown. I think that also has something to do with the insurance rates, that if the fire station is not in the downtown section, why I think your insurance rates go up. I may be wrong on that.

CALLER 4: Well, I've seen some buildings on lower Main Street that I would, sure could be bought cheaper than that. Well, if he could get that for the business, fine. He should sell it for that. But I doubt, if he can't, why, I don't see why Bangor should pay that ridiculous price. You know, there must be some other way, there must be some other place. There's old buildings there that can't be worth that much. And so I'm glad to see there was a couple of the Councilors stood up against it.

WELLINGTON: Henderson and Gass, I believe.

CALLER 4: Yeah, they're always outnumbered, but they do seem to try to save people something. Between that and the airport, I don't know what they're going to do next. Thank you.

WELLINGTON: Yeah. Thank you, bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 5: Good morning. I'm calling about the dogs not running, to run at large law here in the state. We had a puppy about a year old and everything was fine and these new neighbors complained that the dog nipped them so our only alternative, because the deputy sheriff's department came over was to get rid of the dog. And much to our disappointment to the children and the family. And this morning I have noticed there's quite a few dogs in the area the neighborhood. So I again called the law enforcement and explained it isn't fair. What's good for one is good for the other. If my dog was running at large he threatened to shoot my dog if it was running loose. The other dogs in the neighborhood shouldn't be

running loose either. If he proclaimed himself dog officer, which we have a dog officer in our town, and he should tell the other owners the same thing he told me. And he said that he has many neighbors have, has neighbors that dogs running loose, etc. But I think what's good for one is good for the other. They should enforce the dog law even if they have to give out pamphlets every time a person licenses his dog, the same as fishing licenses. They hand you a booklet and give you the do's and don'ts of fishing, or hunting. I think to make it just to all dog owners, they should give bookless warning 'em of do's and don'ts of having a dog. Don't you think so?

WELLINGTON: That's a good idea. Thank you. I think that's a good idea. Thank you very much, bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 6: Good morning, John. I only wanted to say that the streakers gave me my first good laugh in months, in reading the newspaper in the morning. Okay?

WELLINGTON: Okay, thank you, bye. Yeah, from dogs to streakers. Of course we do have a statewide leash law, not leash, well, dog control law, let's put it that way. And some people doubted the wisdom of this, myself included, because I don't think you can have a blanket law that covers both the urban and the rural areas. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 7: Well, good morning. Isn't nice to hear somebody talk about something else besides other people's business up to the university, but I do think some of the students are going to know, and to save on clothing, to get their education.

WELLINGTON: In this weather

CALLER 7: I guess as far as snow's concerned we're not gonna get the rust off the shovels, or the snowblowers will start up this winter. But there must be very large savings on plowing out at the airport, plus not having days and days of snow removal from downtown Bangor and both sides of long streets like Union Street and Broadway wouldn't you think?

WELLINGTON: Yeah, well of course we still could catch a mess before spring

CALLER 7: Well, it doesn't stay. The sun is higher in the sky, you know. But those who don't like to worry about running out of gasoline may purchase a product called Rescue. To safely be carried in the back of the car, a gallon take the car 12 to 15 miles. And for under a dollar, that spring which you can put in the gas tank is less, of course less expensive and less bother than locking the gas cap every time to prevent the theft of gasoline, if you don't need to syphon from your car to run small engines now and then. Now unless there are costly repairs and failures I think the cars with electronic ignition should be an improvement. You imagine, no points, no condensers to replace? And the spark plugs are supposed to last up to 18,000 miles. That sounds too good to be true, doesn't it?

WELLINGTON: Yeah, I hadn't heard about that.

CALLER 7: Well, now there seems to be more truth in paper and [poppycock?] as one watches the mounting costs and the fleeting nothings of Augusta. The Longley Reports hope to save 28,000, no was that million dollars, wasn't it?

WELLINGTON: Twenty-three million, yeah.

CALLER 7: I think they'll soon have it all spent, talking about it and [inaudible] and to me, as far as I can see, it it's completely a waste of energy and breath. For the citizens of Bangor to notice the empty busses, I see them all day long, never more than one. The most I've ever seen is six people. Not to [warrant?] the Kenduskeag Stream Parks. Apparently they have very little to say on the location of the involved expenses of the fire station, to mention a few. Only the city I think would be about the last one that would be left. I don't know who would pay \$300,000 for the old wooden Parkers Truck Factory. The cost of tearing it down, the questionable location on the Main Street, not a very wide street, where that is. That's a narrower part of the street and between two traffic lights set up. All the empty urban renewal land down in the middle of town looks like a bomb struck it. But why they can't use it as the city for city fire station, I suppose there's rules and regulations, I don't know.

WELLINGTON: Yeah. Well, thank you, bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 8: Yes, it's my understanding that in the Marine Corps and in the Armed Forces and at the Annapolis and at West Point that if men are found indulging and homosexuality, that they're immediately dismissed. Is that your understanding?

WELLINGTON: Yes, I think so.

CALLER 8: Yes, well now those are tax supported institutions. They are supported by the taxpayers. Now if we have schools that are supported by the taxpayers, if these people are so unwelcome and so unneeded and so easily gotten rid of in the Armed Forces, why wouldn't this be a good policy to apply to other tax-supported institutions, such as schools? Now, when these people are detected, and they're a minority, and a small number, instead of permitting that number to grow and increase and cause more trouble, why not use the same methods that are used in the Armed Forces? Get rid of them. Keep them out. And there you wouldn't have all this problem then. Now it's true enough that they are taxpayers, so they are taxpayers in the Armed Forces, but the Armed Forces, in their wisdom, see fit to get rid of them. They don't wait until their numbers increase to a point where it's a major problem. And I don't see why a school needs to permit them to increase to a number of where it becomes a major problem. They could very quickly end the thing by using the thing same methods that the Armed Forces use. Okay?

WELLINGTON: Well, very well said, thank you, sir. Bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 9: Morning, John. You know the other day you made some comments there about Lincoln's birthday not being celebrated or remembered in the right sort of way. This disrespect to Lincoln's birthday, and Lincoln himself, I think also, extends to the White House there where, well, the other day Nixon went to the Lincoln Memorial. That's the first time he's been a understand since like about 1970.

Made this political pilgrimage there an attempt to gain credit by associating himself with that great American. He made the speech in which he seemed to compare himself to Lincoln, where he was talking about how Lincoln had been criticized, attacked, you know, and vilified, but he stuck to his guns and continued to do the job. But of course the reason why Lincoln was criticized and what he stood for was come different from why the present incumbent is being criticized and what he stands for and what he tried to do. You see Lincoln tried to increase individual liberty and human dignity and civil rights of the American people, especially the black people. But Nixon has been trying to decrease them and to sabotage that liberty in those civil rights, especially of the blacks again. And Nixon his gang tried to seize complete control of the US government and destroy the Constitution. And I think that for these atrocities there that Nixon deserves all this criticism and removal. And his attempt to cling to a power, to perpetuate himself in office, certainly does himself no credit and I think he showed profound disrespect for Lincoln by attempting to compare himself to that great American. I think that the judgment of the citizens of America was quite profound there in the way they remember their former President there, Abraham Lincoln. They call him Honest Abe but the president of course is known by a completely different name which characterizes his activities because he is known as Tricky Dick. Okay, John.

WELLINGTON: Thank you. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 10: Good morning. Well I see there was a party from up to Mars Hill that had a very nice letter in the Bangor Daily News yesterday about the University of Maine. And what kind of teachers they were going to produce in the next day few years to come. And these teachers would be in schools where our youngsters are and what would they be learning? If these teachers are, these permissive people, why, I don't think they'd make very good teachers. There's quite a letter about it. I think that they, just about time that the, well, the people that's running the place, to me are very permissive. They're having a meeting tonight down to Orono, and it seems that they had one there at the college, the President the college is okayed the application to go in to get a liquor license for the Bear's Den, in the Union Memorial. There was two fellows, picked up last night running around the university yard with nothing but a towel wrapped around him. I don't think they need any liquor [laughing].

WELLINGTON: Maybe they need a good drink after that. Thank you, ma'am, bye. I don't know. Well, thank you.

CALLER 10: I hope we do get some comments on this.

WELLINGTON: I hope we do. Thank you, bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 11: Good morning, John. President Lincoln was not appreciated in his time. President Truman and a few others along the line were not appreciated in their time.

WELLINGTON: President Roosevelt.

CALLER 11: Yes, and so forth. But years later it has seen what they have done and just what they did accomplish and they have gone down in history as some of our greatest presidents. And I think that

President Nixon is trying to do the best he can to straighten out the situation. He inherited a great many things that he has tried to take care of and as far as foreign policy goes, he has straightened out a lot of things and so forth and of course the this increasingly growing inflation and so forth, he didn't bring this on. This had been coming on for years and I think through some of the wild spending of the Great Society programs and I figure that a lot of this Great Society spending has done no more than to ensure government employment for the bureaucrats. And this is about what it has added up to. So I don't think that we should criticize the President the way a lot of people do. And in the Harris Poll report yesterday, it was interesting to see that although maybe President Nixon is down an all-time low of 30 percent, I believe that Truman was down lower than that, was he not? At one time? Well, we all know President Nixon has not gone down as low as Truman went down but Congress is down to 21 percent.

WELLINGTON: I saw that.

CALLER 11: So Congress is down lower than the President. The President is thought higher of than Congress and I think the gentleman two or three calls back brought out a good point about the Armed Services and so forth. These people are given general discharges, and that is it. And this goes down on their record. It affects their ability to get jobs in later years and so forth. And I think that we do have to think of the young people that may be taught by these people if they are going out into teaching. I hope that they are not, but if it's as high a percentage as someone brought out yesterday, five percent of the men and three percent of the women, that means eight percent and one out of twelve, thirteen people. I can't believe the percentage is that high, but even if it were lower than that, you know this is a lot of people going out into the communities. They're not going to be on the campus, you know, for years and years. They're going out to other paths and recruit more into their ways of thinking. And I think this is very bad and we should stop it when we can and not encourage it. And I think by stopping it now, you know, it'd be a great service to the taxpayers. Okay.

WELLINGTON: Well, thank you. Bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 12: Yes, good morning. That lady is right. And about Mr. Nixon, he was he said that if he were listened, I mean read, the, not the Saturday Evening Post, the Washington Post rather, that he would die if he read it everyday. And I would throw in the New York Times. It's a very bad paper, too. It's too bad if, what do we call it, Simbani's?

WELLINGTON: Symbionese Liberation Army.

CALLER 12: Yes. Its demands are met. It's 300 million, I believe, that they want to feed the poor. Well that'd be \$70 I believe for every poor family. Well how long would that last?

WELLINGTON: Not very long.

CALLER 12: No, it won't last very long, and if they can get this money what's to prevent them going on with it and keeping on and taking a lot of these people prisoners, kidnapping a lot of them? The government has been accused of selling us out to the Communists and not the people. We have to

trade with foreign countries, also trade with the Communists, of course. That is what all the countries are doing and that is but it's helping the economy

WELLINGTON: Just the, the thought just occurred, when are we going to get paid back? Because I think Russia still owes us money from World War II.

CALLER 12: I know. But that's something that we can't do anything about now but we've got to do this. If we don't do it, are we going to become isolationist and not trade with anyone? And like Russia take over? Where do we get our coffee from? Brazil, don't we? Well, we need that, don't we? They're the only ones that trade. They can take that over and there's a lot of things that we need from these countries. Also, they are accusing us of kissing Castro. Well, would it be better to make friends or continue having an enemy 90 miles off our coast?

WELLINGTON: Well, of course, how many billions does Russia pour into Cuba each year and then we'd have to start pouring money in there

CALLER 12: Well, that's an enemy on our coast and if we don't make friends, we can have a lot of trouble right there, of course. Thank you.

WELLINGTON: Yeah. Well, ma'am thank you. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 13: Good morning, John. A few callers back, the caller said that President Nixon wasn't strong, that he went down and made a call to Lincoln's statue to impress the people, the public. Of course, I'm not using his words, but that was the gist of the thing. And he said that the President wasn't strong. Well a person is strong. What other man would stand up to all this criticism and and get up in front of the people and say I've no intention of resigning. I was elected for a job and I'm gonna do the job. He's gonna stay in that White House. He's not gonna be forced out of there and he's not gonna take criticism and run. And so I think he's a strong man and he said himself on television one night, in one of his talks, that he was a strong individual. And I think it takes a... I don't agree with all he's done. And I don't think everybody that speaks up for him I don't think agrees with everything he's done. Even the Republicans. People of his own party don't all agree, but you've got to say it's a strong man that will get up and make that statement and live in that atmosphere. Now all these criticisms and all these stories and all, has hurt him and his whole family. And it's quite a bit to face that every day. So I say he's a strong individual. Some other, a weakling, would had a nervous breakdown before now. So I think he is and I agree with some of the other callers about the gay crowd but I think that people is getting mistaken the calendar of the time is a year or something. They're going back to that old song, "June in January." I think it's June in February. [Both laughing] I lived in the wrong neighborhood. I wouldn't mind having a different view of things. Goodbye, John.

WELLINGTON: Thank you, bye. 942-4848, 942-4849. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 14: Good morning, Mr. Wellington. I wanted to talk about this trading with foreign countries. I agree we do need to trade with the foreign countries, but do we need to trade with one particular country to the extent that bread is on the, has a chance of going up to a dollar a loaf, is at 60 cents a loaf

right now. Do we need to trade to such an extent that wheat costs more than many people can afford in this country? And this is what this wheat deal has done. It's pushed the price of wheat up and now Russia is offering to sell wheat back to us at twice of what they paid for it in the first place. So I don't think that we need to trade quite to this extent.

WELLINGTON: Yeah. Also I suppose we ought to call in some of our debts.

CALLER 14: Yes, I agree with that. I think it's about time that they paid back what they owed us. And another thing, this gay liberation club at the University of Maine. Well, I don't know, I think a homosexual is a person to be pitied. And maybe they do need help. I don't particularly agree that they need to meet in this way, but I don't think we should look down on them, either. We should try to help them. Thank you very much.

WELLINGTON: Yeah. Well, thank you. Bye. That controversial wheat deal, I disagreed with that one, too. Here comes a call. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 15: Good morning, John. I had something on my mind I wanted to talk about that I haven't heard any others talk about. And I'd like to hear what others have to say about it, although I really think that I would go through with writing to the senators and congressmen on this subject. And this is the impeachment. Now there are so many that out for it and declared they're gonna have it, but I have an authority, not of my own, but I could prove it because I have the papers, what is written. And people that have studied up on it and know their, know the business, and this says that if the impeachment goes through, this leaves our country unprotected. Of course we have a Vice President but there's all that in between and I don't believe, and this is not all my idea, that and they wouldn't take a chance that the Communists could step right in and say that the country is unprotected. And they are just waiting for this to destroy our government and Russia is almost ready. And this, I could send you, a paper to prove, and you could see what is meant by that, that all I waiting for is for the weakening of our government by impeaching the President. I know that President Nixon's has made a lot of mistakes and we don't condone the things that he does. But I don't think it would be any better to put somebody else in at this time. And what do you think about it?

WELLINGTON: Well, I always thought if it did turn to impeachment, it would go to the Senate, of course, and that would grind any other business the Senate had to a halt. In other words, virtually stalling the government. And how long would this drag on? And also, could Mr. Nixon get a fair, impartial trial in the Senate? For example, would Senator McGovern, give an, well politically untainted vote?

CALLER 15: Well I believe that he, I know, as I said, that he has made a lot of mistakes, but I believe he's smart enough to know that what will happen to our country. If this if this does take place and another thing, if we look back we will see the date, which I don't remember [inaudible] but we will see the date on which they put the law through on [inaudible].

WELLINGTON: Well, ma'am, thank you very much. Yeah.

CALLER 15: If that doesn't stop, things are going to get worse.

WELLINGTON: Well thank you, ma'am. Bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 16: Good morning, sir. Oh, I was so mad. [sound cuts out for a few seconds] ... call up for that, I called up for all this conversation that's going on about the homosexuals in the schools. It seems to me that that seems to be in all schools, or everybody knows about it, and the, and that times have changed. Well, how about all the churches in this neighborhood? Don't they have the priests, or the leaders of the church on a Sunday saying, well today we're going to talk about the Isles of the Lesbian? You know, or today we're going we're going to preach about the homosexual? I think that people should all know about it from their own preacher and then they could either take it or leave it. Thank you very much. Bye, bye.

WELLINGTON: Well, thank you, bye. And that does it for today. But hey, tomorrow's another day, so have a good day today and drive carefully, please, and call tomorrow for Let's Talk It Over.

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