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I've got warring labor consultants -- usually just skirmishes, but in the last few weeks some of the battles have escalated.

Some of the problem, I suspect, is a lack of coordination. And this is due, at least in part, to the absence of any issue meetings for the labor guys to go over their activities on public smoking -- or on excise taxes. The tax meetings, although we've been held, are extremely short and don't give these guys time to get into their projects in detail. Also, Forscey has tended to be absent from many of the tax meetings.

I would like to see meetings on public smoking and taxes scheduled for the labor folks within the next week or so. I would like to sit in, if my schedule allows.

We've got to negotiate a peace treaty here.

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