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[Music is playing.] Talking about tax loopholes and revenue losses. [Break in the recording.]

Recording resumes with talking about the Tournament of Roses Parade and young people who certainly aren't juvenile delinquents. Their parents must be proud. A lady's voice talks about the Tournament of Roses, then talks about a Hollandise cheese barge with 8 Clydesdale horses with blankets of 1250 blooms of tulips which were flown from Holland. Talking about a carriage with a Dutch girl and Edam cheese covered with tulips. In early days, [cheese] barges floated and the driver walked along the shore. Talking about the horses and the wind-mill that is animated. About an 87 years old man who is leading an unit dressed in western costumes, other floats are described as well as the marching band and other happenings. [Marching music.]

11:32 Harrie says that's Ronald Reagan and Bess Myerson describing the Rose Parade of 1962 in Pasadena, California.

The narration and describing the floats continues. [Marching music.] More narration and music.

At 26:31 Ronald Reagan welcomes Chief Justice from the U.S. Supreme Court in California, Earl Warren [sp?]. Also Dr. Wilson, a President of the University of Minnesota is introduced. They are wishing happy New Year for everybody. Now the crowd is ready to leave and Ronald Reagan thanks everybody. The whole parade has taken numerous volunteer hours to accomplish. Talking about the establishment of the parade tradition. Reagan and Mrs. Myerson thank the listeners and close the program.

[Break in the recording. Music.]

At 31:17 a man's voice [later identified as Jim Binkley] talks about Minority Report –radio program and says that the minority party “in this area” has decided to fund a 5-minute radio program of current issues from the minority perspective. In the [State] Senate, there are 13 Democrats and 7 Republicans, in the House there are 22 Democrats and 18 Republicans. Although numbers of Republicans in the House and the Senate have increased, Democrats still hold a majority –hence the name Minority Report.

The show host gives a quick overview of the House and the Senate: There are 10 standing committees in the House and the Senate, in which important research and discussion is done prior to debates and action. Majority party assigns members of the committees in the beginning of their session. The chairman is from the majority party and most legislators serve on many committees. The show [Minority Report] will talk about committee work.

463 bills were introduced in the House and the Senate, of which 147 were passed. The rest were carried over or vetoed, or were withdrawn by their authors, or weren't timely anymore. All legislators are waiting for the State of the State and budget messages from the Governor. Reactions vary among individuals. In the early days of the session majority and minority established their strategies and programs. Especially in the House of Representatives it was usual for the administration to have a very close control over the vote to maintain the policies, and in last session parties were quite unanimous among themselves. The administration has a slim majority and can act or defeat just about anything they choose. The Minority Report will report on daily happenings during the whole legislative session. Minority legislatures from the area are: Dr. Ed Baggen, Forbes Baker and Jim Binkley in the House of Representatives and Paul Greimann in the Senate. They will report the news, and the speaker encourages people to write questions to them and they would like to discuss any topics brought up by the listeners. People need to be informed. The speaker identifies himself as Jim Binkley.

At 36:00 there are Fairbanks City Council news: The Council reappointed William Stroecker, Robert Gray [sp?] and Wayne White [sp?] to Fairbanks Planning and Zoning Commission. Robert Hates [sp?] was appointed to the Planning Authority Board to replace Edgar Phileal [sp?]. Mrs. Dorothy [unclear] was appointed to the Park, Recreation and Cemetery Commission. Councilman Darryl Brewington read

a letter addressed to Frank Chapados at the Fairbanks Council. It was about a small boat-ramp on the Chena River.

News: 6 puppies were lost in a fire, arrested juveniles linked to auto thefts, Board of Fish and Game will have a meeting. Department of Welfare will apply for funds from Congress for various projects. Photography exhibit is being held at a local art gallery. [Music.]

At 39:48 two men are talking in the Minority Report show about the state budget which has seemed to increase in recent years, now requiring cuts. The programs that produce revenue to the state should be kept. Talking about appropriations bill that will be given to the finance committee. Some programs, such as road situation, are asking more money on top of what they received the previous year that the state couldn't afford. Deficit spending. Democrats had shot down some bills that they later re-introduced. Speakers were Jim Binkley and Ed Baggan. [Break in the recording.]

45:51 Minority Report with Jim Binkley and Paul Greimann: Paul Greimann is talking about bills that they introduced. They are talking about the mood in the House of Representatives which has become more serious compared to the previous year. Talking about the Road Committee and how the Minority spoke up, which resulted in Road Committee working as it should. Talking about a calendar that is being prepared by a bipartisan committee and about work done on highways. People all over the state are dissatisfied with the highway program. The bipartisan movement has been a healthy reaction since highways are the lifeline of the Interior. Airports were discussed, as well as the speakers trying to guess what the budget was going to be. Paul guessed highest. Talking about supplementary appropriations, which means money spent that the administration didn't have but that now needs to be found somewhere. [End of the Minority Report.]

54:05 Music, talking about a "man on the beach" who lacks funds to be respectable and is thus socially unacceptable. A "man on the beach" might appear respectable, but only as long as the funds last. The returners to grace will always remember their time on the beach, which forces them to compromise anything to uphold respectability. [End of the recording.]