

Transcript of Governor Brewer interview

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Governor: Well, the legislature, of course, is a deliberatory (sic) body, and if they want to go in there and discuss payday loans I think that's what they were elected to do.

Reporter: How did you vote on the measure in 2006? Did you vote to keep them alive or not?

Governor: I don't recall.

Reporter: These are some of closest advisors, from HighGround, including Grant Woods one of your campaign co-chairs. Does that put you awfully close to this issue?

Governor: Well, you know, campaign people and professional people that do public relations represent a multitude of a lot of people. I don't see any conflict. They haven't spoken to me about it. So I don't see a problem with it.

Reporter: So we shouldn't read into their involvement your support for this issue?

Governor: I would think not.

Reporter: So are you going to go back and look how you voted on this thing? Do you think it's okay to tell...Voters voted 3-2 on this issue...

Governor: What am I going to look into? Go back and look into what, Howie? My brain?

[pause]

Governor: Actually, it's my understanding from what I've read in the newspaper and from the little bit of briefing from my staff, with the payday lenders, that they are going to go in and they're going to make some modifications. And, certainly I am not going to make any comments on any piece of legislation that might eventually end up on my desk until I see it. But I'll be watching carefully during the session and we will do what's right for the people of Arizona.

Reporter: Should something be done to ensure that this industry continues past into 2010?

[Silence, blank stare]

Reporter: Is there a need? Do you believe there's a need?

Another Reporter: It's gonna sunset.

Governor: Well certainly there's people out there that do believe that there is a need. There's a lot of people using those kind of facilities.

Reporter: Do you believe there's a need?

Governor: Well, I have never been to a payday loan place to get a loan. You know, I probably don't need that facility, personally.

Reporter: Do you want other Arizonans to have that ability?

Governor: You know there's a lot of things in Arizonas...There's a lot of things that people in Arizona need that maybe I wouldn't need or utilize because it wouldn't, you know, help me.

We're meeting this afternoon and I believe we will try to get some kind of agenda down not only for maybe, um, a special session, but certainly going into regular session.