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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
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v. : 15 Cr. 317 (KMW)
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DEAN SKELOS and :
ADAM SKELOS, :
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Defendants. :
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Recorded Telephone Calls

ADAM SKELOS Cellphone

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Call Time: 1:38:19 PM
Session Number: 947
Participants: ADAM SKELOS
GLENN RINK

1 (Phone ringing)

2 A. SKELOS: Hello?

3 RINK: Hi, Adam?

4 A. SKELOS: Speaking.

5 RINK: It's Glenn Rink.

6 A. SKELOS: Glenn, how are you?

7 RINK: I'm fine, thanks. I apologize. I was
8 laid up yesterday, injured my back, so I was medicated
9 yesterday.

10 A. SKELOS: That's all right.

11 RINK: I think it's a combination of getting old
12 and, and doing too much, too much running around in
13 airports.

14 A. SKELOS: Oh, that, that'll do it. I wanted to
15 have better news for you today. I knew we had rumors last
16 night in the capital that the governor was going to make an
17 announcement on hydrofracking. And we had all the little
18 pieces of the puzzle saying -- spelling out that he was
19 going to lift the moratorium. So I was calling you because
20 I was going to be like, hey, I'm -- Glenn, you got to stay
21 tuned, stay tuned.

22 Well, they had the announcement today and they,
23 they said no, they banned it. No fracking in New York.
24 It's official.

25 RINK: Well, under, under this governor?

1 A. SKELOS: Under this governor.

2 RINK: Yeah.

3 A. SKELOS: I cannot, cannot understand. I mean,
4 this guy doesn't care about the whole upstate region and
5 the economic value which it brings in a place where it's
6 needed the most. So I just got off the phone with my
7 father, and he's furious 'cause, you know, most of our
8 senators represent the entire state, where the most -- the
9 minority of the Democratic Party in the Senate is mostly
10 New York City and the five boroughs. I mean, if you just
11 look at the map politically.

12 So, now he's talking about running for governor.

13 RINK: Hmm.

14 A. SKELOS: So, stay tuned.

15 RINK: Who, who's going to run for governor?

16 A. SKELOS: My father.

17 RINK: Wow, wow.

18 A. SKELOS: Yeah. And you know what? I'm, I'm
19 going to push him to do it, too, because, I mean, I just --
20 I can't -- he stated in his speech three reports that came
21 out on water contamination that were inconclusive. So, off
22 of that they said we can't be confident in lifting the
23 moratorium; and because we're not confident in doing that,
24 then we're just going to ban it outright, an entire
25 industry.

1 RINK: Mmmm. Crazy.

2 A. SKELOS: I mean --

3 RINK: So, so crazy.

4 A. SKELOS: It's, like, took the wind out of me.
5 We're making a lot of progress with P3s, though. I just
6 wanted to -- I mean, let me, let me give you some good
7 news.

8 RINK: Okay.

9 A. SKELOS: All right. On the 12th we're meeting
10 with the town of Hempstead to get them on board with
11 putting a P3 proposal together pending state approval. We
12 already have two other towns that have done it as well.
13 They're willing to put their own, like, budget into the
14 project. They have, they have budgets for street, street
15 upgrades, for roads and highways, things like that --

16 RINK: Um-hum.

17 A. SKELOS: -- which would really help boost the
18 amount that we could get in a P3 model as far as funding
19 goes so we can do a much larger-scale project. Bjornulf's
20 been working on that.

21 We also have a meeting the same day with the
22 Village of Freeport that's been given \$17 million in FEMA
23 money for flood mitigation. And what we want to do is try
24 and talks him and the villages around that area to invest
25 that money into a P3 model. This way they could also do

1 water treatment and water quality as well as flood
2 mitigation which would be a home run.

3 RINK: Yeah, that's great. That's really
4 exciting.

5 A. SKELOS: Yeah. And Nassau County is holding
6 that money, so it's not like we're waiting for the
7 government it to give to us. They already have it. They
8 just, they just have to approve what they're going to spend
9 it on, and we're going to tell them what to spend it on.

10 RINK: Well, that sounds even better. How is
11 Nassau doing? Is any -- are things moving?

12 A. SKELOS: Yeah. So, I mean, I, I had spoke to,
13 to Ford a while back. I wasn't sure where everyone was at
14 with, with, you know, the 10 outfalls that we had. He said
15 that he was waiting on some sort of approval over at the
16 county.

17 The last I had talked to the county exec, it
18 sounded like everything was going through, and he had given
19 me his word that he was going to find funding for the rest
20 of the -- the remainder of the project, that even if they
21 didn't or couldn't wait on federal funding that we were
22 going to try somehow to make more funds available through
23 the, the Department of Public Works for our project
24 specifically. But he didn't give me an amount, so I will,
25 I'll follow up with him on that.

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2 [START: 08:06]

3 A. SKELOS: No, no. And I was -- and then I got
4 sidetracked by wanting to tell you about the whole fracking
5 thing, which didn't turn out the way I wanted, so --

6 RINK: Yeah.

7 A. SKELOS: -- now I'm depressed.

8 RINK: No, I understand, I understand. Well, you
9 know, this -- how many more years does this governor have?

10 A. SKELOS: I mean, he just got elected, so we're
11 looking at another 4. You know, you spend, you spend the
12 last one in campaign mode.

13 RINK: Yeah.

14 A. SKELOS: So you have 3 years of, you know, no
15 fracking.

16 RINK: Is this, is this -- this is his second
17 term he just went into?

18 A. SKELOS: Yeah, this is his second.

19 RINK: Got you.

20 A. SKELOS: His numbers weren't as good as, you
21 know, his first time around.

22 RINK: Yeah.

23 A. SKELOS: And it had nothing to do with the
24 candidate because we had a real shitty candidate, but --

25 RINK: Yeah. That's what I thought.

1 A. SKELOS: -- you know --

2 RINK: Your father did well, didn't he?

3 A. SKELOS: Oh yeah, yeah. He, he got close to
4 like 75 percent or something like that.

5 RINK: And, and did the Republicans hold the, the
6 same --

7 A. SKELOS: Yeah, held it and grew it. We're now
8 in like a super majority. So, they used to have to have a
9 coalition with the independent council, which was, you
10 know, like a group of five Democrats which then just became
11 like the Independence Party that sided with the
12 Republicans.

13 RINK: Mmm.

14 A. SKELOS: But now we have so many that we, we
15 didn't need them, so he's the outright majority leader.

16 RINK: I got you. Well, that makes sense.
17 That's -- well, that's phenomenal.

18 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

19 RINK: Well, I tell you, it would be great if
20 there's anything we can do to get Nassau to start doing
21 something at Bay Park or at some place, that would make
22 people -- the public investors very, very happy to see.
23 People think that it's not -- for whatever reason, they
24 think the project's not real because it hasn't taken off.

25 A. SKELOS: Oh, it's real. It's just, it's just

1 such a slow process. But you know what? I'm going to, I'm
2 going to move on that with them just so we can get this one
3 squared away, and then we can move on to the other stuff
4 that we're working on.

5 RINK: Well, I can tell you that single-handedly
6 would be so valuable and so helpful to me with having them
7 actually put a shovel in the ground or place an order, a
8 notice to proceed --

9 A. SKELOS: Okay.

10 RINK: -- at least in Bay Park or just
11 (indiscernible) that would help so much.

12 A. SKELOS: Well, that's, that's what I'm going
13 to focus on, then, because I want to get that done for you.

14 RINK: That would -- you cannot -- you have no
15 idea how much of a hero you would, you would be to me if
16 you could help with that.

17 A. SKELOS: All right. Well, that's it.

18 [STOP: 10:15]

19 [START: 15:40]

20 RINK: But the biggest announcement that would
21 help would be Nassau putting the first shovel in the ground
22 on the first -- even if it's just the first pipe or two,
23 it'll help tremendously, so anything you can do there would
24 --

25 A. SKELOS: I know Bay, Bay Park's definitely

1 going to be the first one, and that's the one that I spoke
2 to the county exec about the last we spoke. He was the one
3 who said that they're, they're looking at funds for that
4 first project, just 100 percent themselves. So let me, let
5 me push that first.

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