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TO CALL OR NOT TO CALL

THIS SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE is somewhat like the rabbit in the sleight-of-hand performer's hat, first you see it and now you don't. As has already been suggested here, the calling of the special session and the impeachment proceedings were merely threats made solely for political purposes and were never intended to be carried out.

But the people who were using the threat weapons found themselves somewhat in the position of the little boy who sticks his tongue to a pipe on a frosty morning, easy to take hold but hard to turn loose.

Now Speaker Satterwhite finds himself in an extremely embarrassing situation. For several very obvious reasons he doesn't want to call the session, and for several reasons equally as obvious he wishes he could go ahead and call it.

Here is something of which we are pretty thoroughly convinced; the constituents of Satterwhite aren't going to hold against him the fact that he got burned with a hot chestnut. And maybe if Mr. Satterwhite could convince himself of that belief he would feel a lot better.

But this whole situation could very easily develop into a boom-orang. The people of Texas are long-suffering, patient and forebearing but they are not dumb and they might begin to ask what all the shooting was about and it might be embarrassing to some politicians to admit the real reasons which actuated a lot of moves.

Maybe Amon G. Carter could tell them what to do. It should be worth the trouble of asking him anyway.