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GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA
NOT ON SBC PROGRAM

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--An invitation to Gov. Fuller Warren of Florida to appear briefly in a minor address on the opening day program of the Southern Baptist Convention that meets in San Francisco, June 20-24, has been withdrawn, according to Dr. J. D. Grey, chairman of the Committee on Suggested Order of Business. The program was first planned in mid-December. Invitation was extended in early February, but was only tentatively accepted by Warren.

Later developments involving Warren and publicized in the national daily and weekly press made his appearance on the convention program unwise. Baptist leaders in several different states concurred with the decision to withdraw the invitation. The telegram from Grey read:

"In the light of recent developments in your state with the attendant unfavorable publicity, I feel the best interests of our convention would not be served by your appearing on the program. Therefore, you will please consider this as a withdrawal of the original invitation."