I think the President can put this behind him if he invites Biden and Harris over for coffee on inauguration morning, and attends the (virtual) inauguration. If he boycotts, it feeds the idea that he's a breaker of all norms.

He could lighten it up with a couple of well-placed jokes. Like he wants to make sure Joe feels comfortable calling him for advice in the challenging days ahead. Or we invited Joe over for coffee be he wants to be sure Joe invites him four years from now.

Did any Wisconsin folks ever speak in the legislative debates?

I don't know. Very little of the debate was covered, even on Fox — covered riot instead.

I think it was stupid to have a rally on Jan. 6. Original plan was Jan. 5, right? Would have been perfect to have a Jan. 5 rally, then told people to go home, so focus would be on debate in Congress.

I think Pence is a lot to blame for this fiasco. He had top-flight advice available to him more than a month ago, from his general counsel, a former O'Melveny partner, who said he'd already studied the historical record of what the President of the Senate had done on every objection. I sketched what we had in mind for alternate electors, with Pence not opening envelopes. I detected no enthusiasm for any deviation from the ECA. I now think Pence had decided by then not to do anything to press the envelope or create a test case, but decided not to be straight with the president. If he had been up front, Trump would have known he had no chance to win other than win in the courts or state legislatures before Jan. 6. If I'm right, Pence gave him false hope. He allowed Trump to hear of valid legal theories from Rudy and Eastman which gave him hope, which was crushed when Pence suddenly crushed them at the end. Why did Pence do this? To stall until Georgia runoff was done? If you agree, maybe there should be an effort to criticize Pence for deceitful conduct that