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compromise at this point, because I fear that if we go on with the filibuster, and I'm willing to stay here until midnight. Let me ask a question. Senator Chambers, would you respond to a question?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Chambers, would you have agreed to this compromise if you felt that there were certain members of this body that were willing to go toe-to-toe with you as long as it took?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Say it again.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Would you have agreed to this compromise if you didn't think that there were people who were willing to make you do all of what you've threatened to do?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me say this, I wanted to see a change in the bill and in exchange for not extending the debate we got to this compromise. But if we didn't have it, I was prepared to stay here forever, whatever that means, through crop planting, harvesting, or whatever. It didn't make me any difference what anybody else did. So I don't know if that answers the question.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Okay. What I was looking at it was your understanding that there were members of this body who are willing to stay here with you that entire time and oppose you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, you would have been here for sure, so there might have been the two of us, but we would have stayed here until midnight every night.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you. I guess that's what I'm driving at. I've been through these filibusters before, and sometimes when you turn around at eight-thirty at night, or even six forty-five at night, people aren't here, and that's what I was looking at a compromise, is are we going to be here to back up our words. And it gets frustrating when you can't keep a filibuster going. The only way to burn out a filibuster is to make it go round the clock. And if we're not willing to go around the clock with it, then you take the best you can and go with it, and that was my fear. I'm laying it out here for you.