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say a word. Nobody else need say a word. And I will show you a remarkable feat in terms of what one human being can do as far as endurance and perseverance is concerned. And, as a matter of fact, if I were a member of the body and somebody was doing what I am doing, perhaps I would want to challenge that person and make him deliver what he is saying all the time. Let him keep us here till twelve o'clock every night. Although I know others would leave, they would fold first because it sounds like a good idea when it's first presented. But then as the reality begins to set in and the Governor gets antsy and other people get antsy 'cause they got to go attend to crops or harvesting or their employees, then all of a sudden what seemed like a good idea is not such a good idea anymore. But once you set certain forces in motion you're not going to be able to stop them. And that's what you need to keep in mind. I really don't mind if we stay here until January. I come down here practically every day anyway so I would continue to do what I'm always doing. But I'd be spending the time up here on the floor fellowshipping and communicating with you all. So if LB 20 is to remain in the form that it's in, then I'll continue to do as I promised when I spoke before the Public Health Committee that I would do on this bill and that's to do all within my power to stop it. I recognize that a cloture motion can be made. I recognize that a cloture vote can be taken. I know that it takes 33 votes for the motion to prevail. And if it does not, then the debate does end for today on this bill. But when the Speaker places it on the agenda...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...again, there will have to be at least two more hours of discussion before another cloture motion can be made. And by that time, there may not be as much interest in LB 20 because there will be bigger fish on the griddle frying and some of those will give 12 hours. And I assure you, Senator Moore and others who might be interested, I'm not just blowing smoke. Mine is not an idle threat. If this were the first time I had made this promise and you saw a sign of weakness in me, then you could say, aha, we got him. But I have somewhat of a track record. And it's a funny thing about this kind of activity on the floor of the Legislature. You start out with everybody having a degree of interest because they want to see out of curiosity how things are going to proceed. Then in the middle part, there comes what somebody referred to as the doldrums. Everything just kind of settles down, reaches a