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to work on that bill to achieve the bill's purpose. Should we go ahead and bracket it, which I think we should? Or take I don't know how much time and finally after the expenditure of a lot of time coming back around and saying, well, yeah, I think the bill ought to be bracketed now because I'm convinced that it's going to take time. Some people are relatively new here and have not been through several of these end of the session experiences. I've been through a lot of them. I haven't reached that point yet where I'm just totally meanspirited. There's still a drop or two of grace left. And by the way, anybody on the floor can speak to me and will not offend me if you refer to me as "Your Grace." I will accept that takedown. But at any rate, they must be trying to figure out what the hidden agenda is or why this is a bad offer. But remember this, whether a member accepts an offer or not is strictly up to the member. What I'm proposing is that we bracket this bill. And this might be a good night to just stay here as long...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as it takes and I will do that. And I've been working all day not just today, I've been involved in bills throughout this session; and I have not grown weary and I have not grown tired. And this might be the time after one of those long days that I've had being very active on the floor to see if I can carry you till midnight. But if you make me go to midnight on this one, we're going to go to midnight on some that you don't want me to go to midnight on because this is a total unnecessary wastage of time. I even say that. But it plays into my hands because the more time I burn off here the less time is available for you all and the less time that I have to worry about burning off down the line. So there are the two doors. Which do you want, the lady or the tiger, allegorically speaking?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question if I might.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield to a